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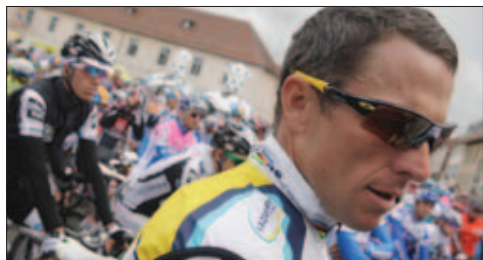
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to go beyond belief'**

**On historic anniversary, the  
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say it's time to go to Mars**

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A footprint left by one of the astronauts of the Apollo 11 mission shows in the soft, powdery surface of the moon on July 20, 1969. Inset: Astronauts pose in front of the lunar module at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum in Washington on Sunday night. From left: Buzz Aldrin, Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins and John Glenn.



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## Picture emerges of harsh lives spent in North Korean camps

BY BLAINE HARDEN  
*The Washington Post*

SEOUL — Images and accounts of the North Korean gulag become sharper, more harrowing and more accessible with each year.

A distillation of testimony from survivors and former guards, newly published by the Korean Bar Association, details the daily lives of 200,000 political prisoners estimated to be in the camps: Eating a diet of mostly corn and salt, they lose their teeth, their gums turn black, their bones weaken and, as they age, they hunch over at the waist. Most work 12- to 15-hour days until they die of malnutrition-related illnesses, usually around the age of 50. Allowed just one set of clothes, they live and die in rags, without soap, socks, underclothes or sanitary napkins.

"We have this system of slavery right under our nose," said An Myeong Chul, a camp guard

who defected to South Korea. "Human rights groups can't stop it. South Korea can't stop it. The United States will have to take up this issue at the negotiating table."

The camps have never been visited by outsiders, so these accounts cannot be independently verified. But high-resolution satellite photographs, now accessible to anyone with an Internet connection, reveal vast camps in the mountains of North Korea.

The photographs corroborate survivors' stories, showing entrances to mines where former prisoners said they worked as slaves, in-camp detention centers where former guards said uncooperative prisoners were tortured to death and parade grounds where former prisoners said they were forced to watch executions. Guard towers and electrified fences surround the camps, photographs show.

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## Report: U.S. wants to revamp Afghan prisons

*From staff and wire reports*

NEW YORK — The U.S. military is looking to revamp its beleaguered American-run prison system in Afghanistan, according to a published report.

The development is in response to concerns over detainee abuse and the military's belief that the Taliban is recruiting militants in the prisons, the New York Times reported Monday.

Adm. Mike Mullen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, sent a confidential message last week to all of the military service chiefs and senior field commanders asking them to redouble their efforts to alert troops to the importance of treating detainees properly.

Maj. Gen. Douglas M. Stone of the Marines was credited with a successful overhaul of the American detention practices in Iraq and is entrusted

with reviewing detention details in Afghanistan.

Stone's report has not been made public. It's being read by senior American officials, and recommends separating extremist militants from more moderate detainees, two American officials who have read or been briefed on his report told the Times.

A senior military official told the Times that Mullen issued the message after viewing photographs showing U.S. servicemembers abusing prisoners in Iraq and Afghanistan during the early years of the wars.

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the deadliest  
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OF THE DAY**"They go nuts when you talk about it."**

—David Straub, a former senior official in the State Department's office of Korean affairs, speaking about the difficulties of discussing human rights with North Korea

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## S. Korea indicts 6 for \$7.8M AAFES theft

Ex-workers allegedly part of black market operation out of Camp Stanley

By JON RABIROFF  
AND HWANG HAE-RYM  
Stars and Stripes

Almost \$8 million in goods were stolen from Camp Stanley over the course of a year in an alleged black market operation, leading to the indictments last week of six South Koreans.

Five of the people indicted are former Army and Air Force Exchange Service employees, officials said.

Oh Won-geun of the Seoul Supreme Prosecutors Office said Friday that between October 2005 and September 2006 the group rang up fraudulent receipts to cover the smuggling of a variety of goods — including electronic equipment and alcoholic beverages — from Camp Stanley outside Uijeongbu. The goods were primarily sold at the Namdaemun market in Seoul.

In all, the group stole about 8,000 items costing 9.8 billion won, or more than \$7.8 million, he said.

"It was a very organized ring," Oh said.

Some of those indicted for violating the Customs Act are cooperating with authorities; the investigation into the alleged smuggling ring is continuing.

Area I AAFES General Manager Ken Limtiaco, who was not in his current job when the alleged smuggling ring was said to be in operation, said the investigation that led to the indictments was prompted by a "spot check" that turned up goods being smuggled out of Camp Stanley.

According to a 2006 Stars and Stripes story, a suspicious-looking truck parked at Camp Stanley prompted a Sept. 25, 2006, sting operation in which U.S. and South Korean officials discovered thou-

sands of dollars' worth of goods bound for the black market.

A Seoul Customs Service agent said that a Camp Stanley AAFES official alerted Army Criminal Investigative Command agents about the truck, and they contacted the Seoul Customs Service.

The two agencies set up a sting and followed the truck off base until it stopped to make a delivery. Investigators found cash, liquor and food products on the truck, including Spam and cheese.

A U.S. military police blotter item excerpted at that time said the investigation identified an import goods store as "a Korean drop house where diverted AAFES goods were taken and sold on the Korean economy."

The customs agent said at the time that officials believed there were more people "systematically involved in this black-marketing organization" and that all past sus-

picious-looking sales records were going to be examined closely.

Limtiaco said he understood that customs officials recently reopened an investigation into the case when new information surfaced.

The AAFES official said he believes better safeguards are now in place to prevent such a large-scale black-market smuggling operation from getting any traction.

In recent years officials have developed a computerized tracking system that can highlight irregular or unusual purchases shoppers make.

AAFES also does a variety of things to "ensure our employees understand the consequences" if they are party to any sort of effort to smuggle goods from military facilities, Limtiaco said.

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## Navy, Army partner for high-speed transport fleet

By MARK ABRAMSON  
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The Army and Navy are teaming up to buy a fleet of high-speed ships capable of transporting everything from heavy equipment to humanitarian supplies, according to a Defense Department news release.

The ships are capable of carrying 700 tons at speeds of about 35 knots for 1,200 nautical miles, according to the release. In addition, the nearly 340-foot-long Joint High Speed Vessels would be able to transport M1 Abrams tanks, operate in shallow waters and have seating for up to 312 troops.

The Army has procured two of the ships — named the Fortitude and Spearhead — while the Navy has procured one ship, to be known as the Vigilant.

The first vessel could hit the seas as early as November 2011.

In the release, the DOD indicated that it is looking to purchase 10 of the ships from the Mobile, Ala.-based Austal USA. The total cost of the contract would be \$1.6 billion.

Each ship could be launched six months after the previous vessel enters service, and

the first one will be built for the Army, said Bill Pfister, Austal USA's vice president for external affairs. Each ship is being built out of lightweight aluminum.

"If you want to go fast, you want to go light," Pfister said.

Another feature is the catamaran hull, which displaces less water, allowing it to go faster, Pfister said.

The closest vessels the Navy has to the JHSV are two ships it has been leasing for two or three years, Navy spokesman Lt. Clay Doss said.

"There is a move to try to get more of those leases until we build these ships," he said.

The Navy envisions the ships being used for humanitarian missions, getting supplies and equipment to an area quickly and for building partnerships with other navies, similar to what the Navy is doing now with African nations, Doss said.

The vessels have "very shallow drafts so they can go very close to shore without a lot of difficulty. The Navy doesn't have a ship like this," Doss said.

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## Afghanistan: U.S. plans new prison to hold extremists

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"It is essential to who we are as a fighting force that we get this right," Mullen said in the message. "We are better than what I saw in those pictures."

Plans call for the United States to finance and construct a new Afghan-run prison for the extremists.

These prisoners are using the Afghan corrections system as a camp to train other inmates to become deadly militants, the American officials said.

The remaining inmates are to be taught vocational skills and offered other classes. They would also be taught about moderate Islam with the intent of releasing them into society, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the review's findings had not been released publicly.

The recommendations coincide with American officials' fears that overcrowded Afghan-run prisons will be overwhelmed by groups of new prisoners captured in the American-led offensive in southern Afghanistan, a place where thousands of Marines are battling Taliban fighters.

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# U.S., S. Korea seek strategy to disarm North

By JAE-SOON CHANG  
The Associated Press

SEOUL — The U.S. and South Korea are hatching a “comprehensive” strategy for persuading North Korea to dismantle its nuclear weapons program, breaking from the step-by-step process that has seen Pyongyang backtrack on pledges.

Assistant U.S. Secretary of State Kurt Campbell discussed the new strategy with chief South Korean nuclear envoy Wi Sung-lac during talks Monday, Foreign Ministry spokesman Moon Tae-young said.

The possibility of a new approach came as Pyongyang’s isolated communist regime hardened its boycott of international nuclear talks after carrying out its second atomic weapons test and test-firing a barrage of banned missiles in defiance of U.N. sanctions.

Campbell first spoke of the idea Saturday, saying the U.S. and its partners would be prepared to offer a “comprehensive package that would be attractive” to North Korea if it returned to the nuclear talks and took irreversible steps to disarm.

South Korean Foreign Minister Yu Myung-hwan told lawmakers Monday that such a package approach would be aimed at resolving all outstanding issues at once by putting all of North Korea’s obligations and demands on the table.

Yu did not elaborate, but said disarming the North in phases — the approach the talks have pursued so far — is difficult because the North can reverse the steps it has taken.

“We can’t repeat the past negotiating pattern” of rewarding North Korea for partial denuclearization steps, ministry spokesman Moon said. “We plan to continue consultations with related countries about a comprehensive solution.”

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton says the U.S. stance of essentially playing down North Korea’s nuclear tests is intentional.

In an ABC interview broadcast Monday from India, Clinton said, “We weren’t going to give the North Koreans the satisfaction they were looking for, which was to elevate them to center stage.”



LEE JIN-MAN/AP

South Korean police officers stand guard while anti-U.S. protesters hold a rally Monday in front of the Foreign Ministry in Seoul, demanding an end to sanctions against North Korea.

## Camps: Issue of human rights pushed aside amid nuclear concerns

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But the camps have not been discussed in meetings between U.S. diplomats and North Korean officials. By exploding nuclear bombs, launching missiles and cultivating a reputation for hair-trigger belligerence, the government of Kim Jong Il has created a permanent security flash point on the Korean Peninsula — and effectively shoved the issue of human rights off the negotiating table.

“Talking to them about the camps is something that has not been possible,” said David Straub, a senior official in the State Department’s office of Korean affairs during the Bush and Clinton years. There have been no such meetings since President Obama took office.

“They go nuts when you talk about it,” said Straub, who is now associate director of Korean studies at Stanford University.

Nor have the camps become much of an issue for the American public, even though annotated images of them can be quickly called up on Google Earth and even though they have existed for half a century, 12 times as long as the Nazi concentration camps and twice as long as the Soviet Gulag. Although precise numbers are impossible to obtain, Western governments and human groups estimate that hundreds of thousands of people have died in the North Korean camps.

North Korea officially says the camps do not exist. It restricts movements of the few foreigners it allows into the country and severely punishes those who sneak in. U.S. reporters Laura Ling and Euna Lee were sentenced last month to 12 years of hard labor, after being convicted in a closed trial on charges of entering the country illegally.

North Korea’s gulag also lacks the bright light of celebrity attention. No high-profile, internationally recognized figure has emerged to coax Americans into understanding or investing emotionally in the issue, said Suzanne Scholte, a Washington-based activist who brings camp survivors to the United States for speeches and marches.

Before guards shoot prisoners who have tried to escape, they turn each execution

into a teachable moment, according to interviews with five North Koreans who said they have witnessed such killings.

Prisoners older than 16 are required to attend, and they are forced to stand as close as 15 feet to the condemned, according to the interviews. A prison official usually gives a lecture, explaining how the Dear Leader, as Kim Jong Il is known, had offered a “chance at redemption” through hard labor.

Like several former prisoners, Jung Gwang Il, 47, said the most arduous part of his imprisonment was his pre-camp interrogation at the hands of the Bowibu, the National Security Agency. After eight years in a government office that handled trade with China, a fellow worker accused him of being a South Korean agent.

“They wanted me to admit to being a spy,” Jung said. “They knocked out my front teeth with a baseball bat. They fractured my skull a couple of times. I was not a spy, but I admitted to being a spy after nine months of torture.”

When he was arrested, Jung said, he weighed 167 pounds. When his interrogation was finished, he said, he weighed 80 pounds. “When I finally got to the camp, I actually gained weight,” said Jung, who worked summers in cornfields and spent winters in the mountains felling trees.

Human rights groups, lawyers committees and South Korean-funded think tanks have detailed what goes on in the camps based on in-depth interviews with survivors and former guards who trickle out of North Korea into China and find their way to South Korea.

The motives and credibility of North Korean defectors in the South are not without question. They are desperate to make a living. Many refuse to talk unless they are paid. South Korean psychologists who debrief defectors describe them as angry, distrustful and confused. But in hundreds of separate interviews conducted over two decades, defectors have told similar stories that paint a consistent portrait of life, work, torment and death in the camps.

The number of camps has been consolidated from 14 to about five large sites, according to former officials who worked in

the camps. Camp 22, near the Chinese border, is 31 miles long and 25 miles wide, an area larger than the city of Los Angeles. As many as 50,000 prisoners are held there, a former guard said.

There is a broad consensus among researchers about how the camps are run: Most North Koreans are sent there without any judicial process. Many inmates die in the camps unaware of the charges against them. Guilt by association is legal under North Korean law, and up to three generations of a wrongdoer’s family are sometimes imprisoned, following a rule from North Korea’s founding dictator, Kim Il Sung: “Enemies of class, whoever they are, their seed must be eliminated through three generations.”

Crimes that warrant punishment in political prison camps include real or suspected opposition to the government.

“The camp system in its entirety can be perceived as a massive and elaborate system of persecution on political grounds,” writes human rights investigator David Hawk, who has studied the camps extensively.

Common criminals serve time elsewhere.

Prisoners are denied any contact with the outside world, according to the Korean Bar Association’s 2008 white paper on human rights in North Korea. The report also found that suicide is punished with longer prison terms for surviving relatives; guards can beat, rape and kill prisoners with impunity; when female prisoners become pregnant without permission, their babies are killed.

Most of the political camps are “complete control districts,” which means that inmates work there until death.

There is, however, a “revolutionizing district” at Camp 15, where prisoners can receive remedial indoctrination in socialism. After several years, if they memorize the writings of Kim Jong Il, they are released but remain monitored by security officials. Since it offers a safe haven to defectors, South Korea is home to scores of camp survivors. All of them have been debriefed by the South Korean intelligence service, which presumably knows more about the camps than any agency outside of

Pyongyang.

But for nearly a decade, despite revelations in scholarly reports, TV documentaries and memoirs, South Korea avoided public criticism of the North’s gulag. It abstained from voting on U.N. resolutions that criticized North Korea’s record on human rights and did not mention the camps during leadership summits in 2000 or 2007.

The public, too, has been largely silent. “South Koreans, who publicly cherish the virtue of brotherly love, have been inexplicably stuck in a deep quagmire of indifference,” according to the Korean Bar Association, which says it publishes reports on human rights in North Korea to “break the stalemate.”

Government policy changed last year under President Lee Myung-bak, who has halted unconditional aid, backed U.N. resolutions that criticize the North and tried to put human rights on the table in dealing with Pyongyang. In response, North Korea has called Lee a “traitor,” squeezed inter-Korean trade and threatened war.

In the Clinton years, high-level diplomatic contacts between the U.S. and Pyongyang focused almost exclusively on preventing the North from developing nuclear weapons and expanding its ballistic missile capability.

President George W. Bush’s administration took a radically different approach. It famously labeled North Korea as part of an “axis of evil,” along with Iran and Iraq. Bush met with camp survivors. For five years, U.S. diplomats refused to have direct negotiations with North Korea.

Containing the current nuclear weapons crisis has monopolized the Obama administration’s dealings with North Korea. The camps, for the time being, are a non-issue.

“Unfortunately, until we get a handle on the security threat, we can’t afford to deal with human rights,” said Peter Beck, a former executive director of the U.S. Committee for Human Rights in North Korea.



# Solar eclipse to darken Japan, S. Korea



By CHARLIE REED  
*Stars and Stripes*

The longest solar eclipse this century will result in midday twilight Wednesday as the moon passes between the sun and Earth over Asia.

The eclipse will peak for roughly six minutes at about 11 a.m. in Japan and South Korea as it makes its way across Asia. However, the moon will begin casting its shadow over the sun about an hour before the peak, then start regressing for about an hour afterward.

A point in Tokara Islands between mainland Japan and Okinawa will experience a total eclipse, as will Iwo Jima, the island about 660 miles southeast of Tokyo, according to Yo-

shinori Suematsu with Japan's National Astronomical Observatory.

The rest of Japan and South Korea will see a partial eclipse, with the moon obscuring 80 percent of the sun in southern Japan and Okinawa, and 60 percent elsewhere in the country and South Korea.

Wednesday's eclipse will be the longest of the 21st century, Suematsu wrote in an e-mail to Stars and Stripes.

The eclipse starts in India and moves east over China before casting shadows over Japan and South Korea, eventually terminating in Hawaii, where it will peak at about 20 percent.

The astronomical event will not be visible in the States, although ob-

servatories around the world plan to Web-cast the event for those not lucky enough to see it in person.

But people should be careful not to look directly into the sun during the eclipse, warned Dr. Glen Hikida, an optometrist for the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, in a news release issued by Camp Foster on Okinawa.

Doing so could result in serious retinal damage that may not surface until hours later, Hikida said.

Eyewear designed for solar eclipses, special welding glass or a pinhole projector are the best methods for watching the eclipse, according to the release.

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**For more info on the eclipse, go to ...**

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From staff reports

## Military's camel rescue no tall tale

Animal Planet profiles troops who came to distressed creature's aid

By T.D. FLACK  
*Stars and Stripes*

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Air Force Master Sgt. Lloyd Stinson was deployed to Ali Air Base in Iraq in February when he received the strangest call of his 17-year career as a firefighter.

Military police were reporting a camel stuck in a hole off base.

"We're like, 'What's going on? Camel in a hole? Come on,'" he said.

It was natural to be leery, said Stinson, a Granite Falls, Wash., native. First-responders such as firefighters and military police are targeted in combat zones, he said.

But when the confirmation call came in — there was indeed a camel stuck in a hole — Stinson and other firefighters responded. Because he serves as a fire inspector, he wasn't actively involved in the rescue. Instead, he videotaped the scene and provided the footage to the public affairs office at Ali.

It made its way to CNN and, eventually, Animal Planet contacted the Air Force looking to do a story.

Last week, base personnel at Misawa filmed Stinson answering questions for a segment of Animal Planet's "Untamed and Uncut."

"We scour through thousands of videos every week but when this clip fell in our hands we knew this was a special story that all of America would want to see," executive producer Vicki Johnson said in an e-mail response to Stars and Stripes.

She said the firefighters' actions saved the camel and also assisted an Iraqi family.

"We always say our show is about ordinary people who find themselves in extraordinary situations, but this time it's



PHOTOS BY KENYA SHILOH/Photos courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

**Many people associate firefighters with rescuing cats in trees. But the firefighters assigned to the 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron in Iraq weren't expecting the Feb. 9 call to come save a baby camel that was trapped in a manhole.**

about extraordinary people who choose humanity over hostility," she said.

The run date for the episode has not been announced.

Stinson said he never thought the incident would garner this much attention.

He said when they responded to the scene, they found a baby camel about the size of a 100-pound Great Dane trapped in some sort of concrete plumbing pit. According to an Air Force news release from February, Staff Sgt. Bryan Senecal and Airman 1st Class Nicholas Gallagher

climbed down into the 8- to 9-foot deep pit to tie ropes around the camel.

"It was very difficult, with it being a tight area, the camel not really wanting to cooperate, the guys never being around a camel," Stinson said.

"So they didn't want to hurt it, but they also knew time was of the essence to get it out of there."

Gallagher said the camel was continually moving its neck as they were trying to help it.

"I've never been around a baby camel before so I thought [its neck] was broken at first," he said.

"We tried to be as gentle as possible, but finally we had to just get down there and lift it up."

Stinson said he was glad to help the family.

After pulling the camel from the hole, firefighters washed it down and troops from the veterinary office gave it some shots, Stinson said.

With that, the family loaded the baby camel into a sack attached to the family's bigger camel and went on their way.

"It's neat because there's so much negativity that comes out ... you know, the news ... out of Iraq," he said.

"It was nice to see that we were ... able to do a really nice thing, a good story finally comes out."

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**One of the firefighters climbs down into the pit to rescue the baby camel.**

## Soldier gets 9 months for scam

By FRANKLIN FISHER  
*Stars and Stripes*

CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea — An Army helicopter pilot in South Korea who used fake business documents to bilk fellow soldiers out of thousands of dollars in an investment scam was sentenced to nine months in jail and dismissal from the military, Army officials said.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Anibal Candelario Jr. was sentenced July 15 after pleading guilty to wrongful appropriation during a court-martial at Camp Humphreys in Pyeongtaek before military judge Lt. Col. Thomas Kulish.

Candelario, a Black Hawk helicopter pilot assigned to the 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, had opted to be tried by judge alone instead of a jury.

During a scam that ran from January 2005 to October 2007, Candelario bilked a total of about \$125,000 from a captain and three warrant officers, Army officials said.

The fraud involved detailed investment schemes for real estate development projects in Tampa, Fla.; Enterprise, Ala.; and Italy, the officials said.

Candelario created fake contracts, financial statements, had detailed housing plans, copied a federal judge's signature, and created the false impression his dealings had the backing of Daewoo International and Wells Fargo Securities, according to the officials.

In one instance, Candelario used bogus court documents to convince one of his victims that about \$500,000 had been stolen from his firm.

Also a part of the scam was a phony letter that purported to be from the president of Daewoo International and was used to "validate" the false claim that Candelario's company was in business with Daewoo, Candelario testified.

As of last September, all victims but one had been fully repaid; the other has thus far received partial repayment, officials said.

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# Gates to add 22,000 to active-duty Army

By LEO SHANE III  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Robert Gates will add about 22,000 soldiers to the Army in coming weeks in an effort to keep pace with the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan without burdening the force with longer tours or shorter time at home.

The increase will raise the Army's active-duty end strength to nearly 570,000 soldiers, the highest mark in 17 years. Gates said the move would last for at least the next three years.

"The persistent pace of opera-

tions in Iraq and Afghanistan over the last several years has steadily increased the number of troops not available for deployment in the Army," he said. "The decision to eliminate the routine use of stop loss also requires [more personnel] for each deploying unit."

"The Army has reached a point of diminishing returns to reduce the size of its training and support tail. The cumulative effect of these factors is the Army faces a period where its ability to deploy combat units at acceptable fill rates is at risk."

The new troops will be used to ensure existing units already

are properly staffed, and "not to create new combat formations," Gates said.

He estimated that the Pentagon will need about \$100 million this fiscal year to pay for the move and another \$1 billion in fiscal 2010, but he will not be asking Congress to add additional funds to next year's defense budget already being debated on Capitol Hill.

Instead, he said, the money will be shifted from other programs, and will likely cause more "tough choices" in equipment and training funds.

Last week Sen. Joe Lieberman, I-Conn., offered an amendment to next year's defense authorization bill allowing a 30,000-person increase in the Army's end strength, calling it a critical step in managing the force.

House leaders have already included similar language for 2011 and 2012 in their version of the military budget bill. Army officials estimate as many as 30,000 of their current 547,000 may be in nondeployable positions, including those in training slots and troops recovering from their combat wounds.

But Gates said the 22,000 increase should provide relief for the Army, and the stress on the force represents only a temporary problem as the military draws down in Iraq and ramps up operations in Afghanistan.

In 1999, the service hit a recent low when it employed fewer than 480,000 active-duty troops, and in recent years lawmakers have pushed to build the force back up as the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have strained both the active-duty and reserve components.

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## Tail flaws found on 4 more F/A-18s

Stars and Stripes

A fleetwide inspection of F/A-18 A-D Hornet fighter jets has found four more aircraft with missing tail fasteners, bringing the total to seven, the U.S. Navy said over the weekend.

It appears an engineering flaw is causing the Hornets to shed the fasteners, which can cause dangerous cracks in the tail of the jets, according to the Navy.

Earlier this month, three Hornets were discovered with missing fasteners — two of those also had structural cracks — causing a mandatory inspection of 566 aircraft beginning July 10.

Inspections were about half complete on Friday, Navy spokesman Lt. Clay Doss said in an e-mail to Stars and Stripes.

The 1st Marine Air Wing on Okinawa said inspections of Marine Corps Hornets were ongoing late last week and that no jets had been grounded.

Nearly all F/A-18 A-D aircraft must be inspected within 25 flight hours, according to the inspection order.

Doss said inspection results were unavailable for individual regions, but 111 of the Hornets are now deployed and about 384 are training in the United States.

The remaining aircraft are in reserve or depot status.

Hornets with cracks remain grounded and are expected to be repaired and ready for flight in about two weeks, Doss said.



Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, estimated spending \$9.2 million on paving jobs, but approved \$9.4 million in contracts without competition. Many bases are awarding no-bid contracts despite higher costs.

MICHAEL DINNEEN  
AP

## No-bid contracts pump up military base repair costs

By BRETT J. BLACKLEDGE  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department frequently awards no-bid work to small contractors for repairs at military bases under the new economic stimulus law, costing taxpayers millions of dollars more than when businesses compete for the work, according to an Associated Press analysis of 570 such contracts.

The Pentagon saves more than three times as much money when companies compete, the AP analysis showed. Yet more than \$242 million in federal contracts — representing more than one-fourth of the military's stimulus contract spending so far — has been awarded under the recovery program through no-bid contracts for repairs and maintenance.

President Barack Obama promised last month to save money through competition.

"By ending unnecessary no-bid contracts and reforming the

### The cost of no-bid contracts

■ Elmendorf Air Force Base in Alaska estimated spending \$9.2 million on paving jobs, but approved \$9.4 million in contracts without competition. Arnold Air Force Base in Tennessee estimated its paving work at \$650,000, and awarded \$400,815 in contracts after receiving competing bids, or about 38 percent under estimate.

■ Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida figured it would spend \$638,000 in sewer repair work and awarded the contract without bids for \$629,118, slightly under its estimate. Travis Air Force Base in California estimated a sewer repair job at \$3.7 million, and awarded a \$2.5 million contract after bids, or about 32 percent under estimate.

— The Associated Press

way government contracts are awarded, we can save the American people up to \$40 billion every year," Obama said, as he announced new procedures to increase competition.

In many of the cases, the military bases are eager to spend the stimulus money. Speed is an important element of the Obama administration's effort to jumpstart the economy. Bidding and its delays can be avoided by federal rules that permit contract awards

to small and disadvantaged businesses without competition, said Navy Cmdr. Darryn James, a Pentagon spokesman.

Much of the spending is for common construction work at a time when contractors crippled by the recession are offering steep discounts. State governments are taking advantage, reporting millions in savings as road and construction contracts come in under budget after making companies bid for the work.

The Defense Department can do that, too, and "ensure that we're getting the best deal possible," said Scott Amey of the Project on Government Oversight, a watchdog group that tracks government spending and waste.

Obama's recovery program includes about \$74 billion for military construction, repairs and improvements at bases put off in recent years because of wartime expenses. The Defense Department also is seeing big savings in its construction contracts, but it is saving far more money when making businesses compete.

The 570 projects reviewed by the AP included \$284.4 million in competitively bid contracts and \$135.5 million in no-bid contracts.

The work that was competitively bid saved \$34 million, with contract costs coming in about 11 percent less than budget estimates. The no-bid work saved \$4.4 million, with contract costs coming in about 3 percent less than estimates, the AP's analysis shows.

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# Iraq curbs U.S. troop operations in Baghdad posts

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA  
AND DEB RIECHMANN  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The Iraqi military has turned down several requests from American forces to move unescorted through Baghdad and conduct a raid since the transition of responsibility for urban security at the end of last month, an Iraqi military commander said Monday.

U.S. combat troops withdrew from urban areas on June 30 under a security agreement with Iraq that requires all U.S. troops to be out of the country by the end of 2011.

Col. Ali Fadhil, a brigade commander in Baghdad, compared the new restrictions on the U.S. military to "house arrest" on bases. However other Iraqi officials said U.S. troops outside of cities are still free to move without Iraqi approval.

Outside urban areas, Americans are assisting with the search and arrest of insurgents,

manning checkpoints and continuing ongoing efforts to train Iraqi forces — from medics to helicopter pilots. U.S. soldiers recently advised Iraqi soldiers during a seven-hour humanitarian aid drop in Diyala province.

The U.S. military in Iraq had no immediate comment Monday on the relationship with its Iraqi counterparts. But it has said previously it remains available to assist them and has noted progress despite lingering questions about the Iraqi military's resolve and training.

In Washington, the Pentagon said the two forces are cooperating.

"We continue to work closely with Iraqi security forces and coordinate operations as we implement the security agreement," said Air Force Lt. Col. Patrick Ryder, a Pentagon spokesman.

Fadhil spoke to The Associated Press about conditions in Baghdad, where violence has dropped dramatically.



An Iraqi policeman stands guard at a checkpoint in Baghdad on Monday. The Iraqi military has turned down several requests from American forces to move unescorted through cities to conduct raids since the transition of responsibility for urban security at the end of last month, an Iraqi military commander said Monday.

KARIM KADIM/AP

He cited several occasions in which Iraqi troops turned down U.S. requests to move around the capital, and in one instance to conduct a raid — the Iraqis carried out that operation themselves.

"They are now more passive than before," he said of U.S. troops. "I also feel that the American soldiers are frustrated because they used to have many patrols, but now they cannot. Now, the American soldiers are in prison-like bases as if they are under house arrest."

Fadhil said an American patrol wanted to pass through an area in west Baghdad during the day.

"I prevented them and told

them they were not allowed unless they had approval, and even if they had approval, Iraqi forces had to accompany them."

Another time, Fadhil said a U.S. patrol wanted to leave the walled-off Green Zone, which houses the U.S. Embassy and Iraqi government headquarters, to travel less than a mile to nearby Muthana Air Base. Again, they were told that Iraqi troops had to accompany them.

When an American patrol wanted to arrest an enemy target in a Sunni area of west Baghdad, Fadhil said he told the U.S. troops they had to hand over the tip about the target to Iraqi troops, who later made the arrest.

Iraqi military spokesman Maj. Gen. Qassim al-Moussawi cited three other incidents in early July when U.S. patrols violated the security pact. He said they were addressed at a committee of top U.S. and Iraqi officials, who meet regularly to resolve such disagreements.

Iraqi forces face near-daily attacks in urban areas, but not on the scale of the past.

On Monday, a car bomb killed two police officers and injured eight civilians in Ramadi, west of Baghdad, said Maj. Gen. Tareq Youssef, the police chief of Anbar province. Ramadi, the provincial capital, was once a stronghold of Sunni insurgents.

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# 4 U.S. troops die in Afghanistan

The Associated Press

KABUL — Four Americans were killed Monday when a roadside bomb exploded in eastern Afghanistan, NATO said, making July the deadliest month for U.S. troops in this war.

A NATO statement did not give nationalities, but U.S. spokesman Lt. Robert Carr confirmed that all four were Americans. The deaths bring to 55 the number

of international servicemembers killed in July, also the deadliest month for NATO forces.

At least 30 U.S. troops have died this month — two more than the toll for June 2008, which had been the deadliest month for the American force in Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, a British fighter jet crashed at NATO's largest base in southern Afghanistan on Monday, the second aircraft to go down there in two days.

## British pilots eject before jet crashes at NATO air base

By DREW BROWN  
Stars and Stripes

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — Two British pilots ejected safely as their fighter jet crashed upon takeoff Monday morning, the second crash at NATO's main air base in southern Afghanistan in two days.

The two pilots of the Tornado GR-4 sustained injuries but were treated at a military hospital and released.

There was no immediate indication why the jet crashed.

"All we know for sure is that it is not attributable to insurgent activity," said Capt. Glen Parent, a spokesman at the base for NATO's International Security Assistance Force.

The jet crashed at about 7:20 a.m., close to a highway just outside the perimeter of the airfield. Afghan security forces closed the highway temporarily for safety reasons, and all people in the immediate vicinity were made to leave, a NATO statement on the incident said.

The crash was the second to occur at the sprawling air base in two days. Sixteen people died and another five were injured Sunday morning when a Russian Mi-8 civilian helicopter crashed upon takeoff at the airfield. Although the cause of that crash is still under investigation, insurgent fire was not to blame, NATO officials said.

Several of the injured from Sunday's crash have been treated and released, said Parent. All of the victims were civilian contractors, NATO said.

Parent said no additional safety steps were being taken or were under review in the aftermath of the two crashes at the airfield. Both incidents are under investigation and no link between the two has been established, he said.

Monday's incident was the lat-

est in a string of aviation accidents in Afghanistan in the past week.

A U.S. Army helicopter made an emergency landing Sunday morning in eastern Afghanistan's Kunar province, according to U.S. forces in Kabul. The number of people aboard was not released, but all were being treated at a military hospital, a U.S. statement said. What forced the helicopter down is unclear, but there were no insurgents active in the area at the time, the military said.

Two U.S. Air Force pilots were killed early Saturday when their F-15E fighter jet crashed in eastern Afghanistan. The Defense Department identified the pair late Sunday as Capt. Thomas J. Gramith, 27, of Eagan, Minn., and Capt. Mark R. McDowell, 26, of Colorado Springs, Colo. Both were assigned to the 336th Fighter Squadron, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.

There was no hostile fire involved, and the crash is under investigation, the U.S. military said.

Eight Ukrainian crewmembers were killed last week when an Mi-26 civilian helicopter crashed near the town of Sangin in southern Afghanistan's Helmand province. The Taliban claimed to have shot down the helicopter, but NATO officials have not confirmed the claim and say the crash is under investigation.

And on July 6, two Canadian airmen and one British soldier were killed when a Canadian CH-146 Griffon helicopter crashed upon takeoff at a NATO camp in Zabul province, about 50 miles northeast of Kandahar airfield. Insurgent fire was not to blame, officials said at the time.

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DAVID SEELIG/AP

Pfc. Bowe R. Bergdahl worked as a barista at Zaney's River Street Coffee House in this central Idaho resort town of Hailey, just south of the Sawtooth Mountains, before he enlisted in the Army in 2008.

## Small Idaho town kept word of soldier's capture by Taliban quiet

By JOHN MILLER  
The Associated Press

HAILEY, Idaho — Shortly after the first report two weeks ago that a U.S. soldier had been captured in Afghanistan, a small circle of people in this central Idaho town found out it was one of their own but kept it quiet.

Pfc. Bowe R. Bergdahl, a local family's only son who was homeschooled, danced at the ballet school and rode his bike all over the town of 7,000, was in the hands of the Taliban.

Neighbors and others in the community about 10 miles south of Sun Valley have known for weeks that Bergdahl had been captured, but said the family urged them not to talk about the kidnapping out of fear that publicity would compromise his safety. Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter said he had been working to keep the soldier's name quiet until it was officially released.

The Pentagon wasn't talking either; all that Defense Department officials said in early July was that a U.S. soldier was believed in enemy captivity.

The 23-year-old Bergdahl was serving with a unit based in Fort Richardson, Alaska, earlier this month when he vanished, just five months after arriving in Afghanistan, officials said. He was serving at a base near the border with Pakistan in an area known to be a Taliban stronghold.

Only after Saturday's Internet airing of a 28-minute video in which Bergdahl is shown captive and says he fears never going home again did Pentagon officials finally release his name. Some of Bergdahl's friends and acquaintances are also slowly opening up, too, with permission from his father.

In an era where captives are

### Family overwhelmed by support from town

HAILEY, Idaho — The parents of a U.S. soldier captured in Afghanistan say they are overwhelmed by the support of neighbors in their small Idaho community and others abroad.

Blaine County Sheriff Walt Femling read a statement issued Monday by the family of Pfc. Bowe R. Bergdahl thanking supporters.

"Please continue to keep Bowe in your thoughts and prayers, and we ask for your continued acceptance of our need for privacy in this difficult situation," the family's statement read.

From The Associated Press

release details. Four days later, the Taliban claimed "a drunken American soldier had come out of his garrison" and was captured by mujahedeen.

Back home in Idaho, residents of Bergdahl's tight-knit mining-town-turned-resort community worked to keep tight the circle of those who knew of the hostage crisis.

In fact, some neighbors who learned about Bergdahl's plight the old fashioned way — down at the cafe, perhaps, or via a discreet phone call — said Sunday they were respecting the wishes of the Bergdahls by not speaking publicly. The family, described as deeply private, lives about five miles west of Hailey on a remote gravel county road. Out front, a cardboard-and-ink placard wired to the chained and locked front gate reads "No visitors."

Sue Martin, owner of Zaney's River Street Coffee House where Bergdahl poured espressos before enlisting in the Army in 2008, had installed a sign on the front counter urging people to keep "Our friend who has been captured in Afghanistan" in their thoughts and prayers.

But she didn't use his name and later removed the sign, partly out of concern that the Bergdahls were against it.

It was only after getting their permission Sunday that Martin spoke about the young man, whom she said shared friendly banter with regulars there for their morning cup of coffee.

Martin has also returned the sign to the front counter along with a large yellow placard taped to the front window that reads "Get Bowe Back."

"It was in light of concern for Bowe's well-being," Martin said.

valuable commodities in transactions of terror, secrecy is no accident. The New York Times had asked other media not to publicize the capture of reporter David Rohde. The Times reporter escaped in July after being held seven months by the Taliban.

"The Department of Defense has always thought throughout this whole situation that we were going to do whatever we could possibly do with the safety of this soldier in mind," said Lt. Col. Tim Marsano, an Idaho National Guard spokesman.

In the video posted Saturday, Bergdahl confirms his name and hometown. The Pentagon confirmed his identity Sunday — nearly three weeks after he disappeared.

On July 2, two U.S. officials conceded a soldier had "just walked off" his base near the border with Pakistan with three Afghans after his shift, but wouldn't



## IN THE STATES

# Been there, done that

## Apollo 11 astronauts want NASA to march toward Mars in future missions

By SETH BORENSTEIN  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The first astronauts to walk on the moon want President Barack Obama to aim for a new destination: Mars.

In one of their few joint public appearances, the crew of Apollo 11 spoke on the eve of the 40th anniversary of man's first landing on the moon, but didn't get soggy with nostalgia. They instead spoke about the future and the more distant past.

Sunday night, a packed crowd at the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum — 7,000 people applied in a lottery for 485 seats — didn't get the intimate details of the Eagle's landing on the moon with little fuel left, or what the moon looked like, or what it felt like to be there.

They got second man on the moon Buzz Aldrin's pitch for Mars. He said the best way to honor the Apollo astronauts "is to follow in our footsteps; to boldly go again on a new mission of exploration."

Apollo 11 command module pilot Michael Collins, who circled the moon alone while Armstrong and Aldrin walked on it, said the moon was not interesting, but Mars is.

"Sometimes I think I flew to the wrong place. Mars was always my favorite as a kid and it still is today," Collins said. "I'd like to see Mars become the focus, just as John F. Kennedy focused on the moon."

The man who founded and directed Mission Control Houston, Christopher Kraft Jr., also jumped on the go-somewhere-new, do-something-different bandwagon.

As the men of NASA of the 1960s talked about new technology and new goals, the current NASA is still looking back at the moon.

NASA is still marching toward a goal of returning to the moon of Armstrong and Aldrin and this time putting a base there. The current plan is based on building new rockets that the former NASA administrator called "Apollo on steroids," with an alternative — a derivative of the space shuttle — floating through the space agency.

Although they didn't directly criticize NASA's current plans, Aldrin and Collins said the moon is old hat. Collins said he is afraid that NASA's exploration plans would be bogged down by a return visit to the moon.

And even though Neil Armstrong didn't talk about the future,

Aldrin dragged his commander onto the Mars bandwagon anyway. "It was a great personal honor to walk on the moon, but as Neil once observed, there are still places to go beyond belief," he said. "Isn't it time to continue our journey outward, past the moon?"

On Monday, the Apollo 11 crewmen met with the president during a reception at the White House.

Hailing the Apollo 11 astronauts as "three American heroes," Obama said exploration spurs ingenuity and inspires students in math and science.

The president compared the astronauts' accomplishment to one of his own goals: America having the highest high school graduation rates in the world by 2020.

Obama says that Armstrong, Aldrin and command module pilot Michael Collins were the touchstone for excellence in exploration that inspired the scientists of today.

*"Sometimes I think I flew to the wrong place. Mars was always my favorite as a kid and it still is today."*

Apollo 11 command module pilot Michael Collins



MARCUS YAM, THE WASHINGTON POST/AP

From left, Apollo 11 astronauts Buzz Aldrin, Neil Armstrong and Michael Collins, pose for a portrait in front of a lunar module device at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum in Washington on Sunday.

### Spacewalk begins on Apollo 11 anniversary

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The astronauts aboard the shuttle-station complex are celebrating the 40th anniversary of man's first moon landing with their own spacewalk.

Late Monday morning, David

Wolf and Thomas Marshburn ventured out to hook spare parts to the international space station. It is the second spacewalk in three days, and it's taking place 40 years to the day that Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walked on the moon.

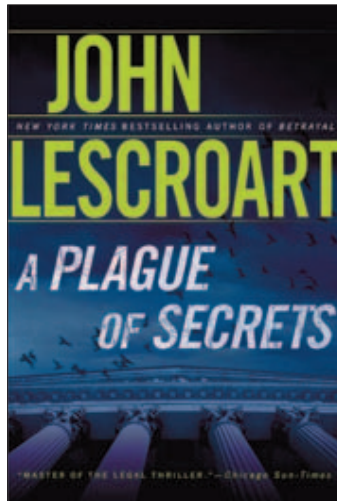
"How cool," is how one shuttle astronaut described it.

The space station crew, meanwhile, is working on a broken toilet that malfunctioned Sunday.

For the time being, the 13 astronauts are lining up at the two good toilets, one on the station and one on Endeavour. NASA says it's not yet a serious problem.

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Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press	



# Sources: CIT to receive rescue loan

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The board of CIT Group Inc., one of the nation's largest lenders to small and midsize businesses, approved a deal with major bondholders to keep the company out of bankruptcy, said two people briefed on the talks.

CIT will receive a rescue loan from key bondholders hoping to keep it alive long enough to restructure its debt, these people said. They spoke on condition of anonymity because the company has not yet made an official announcement.

The deal will not necessarily prevent a bankruptcy filing for the ailing firm, but will give it desperately needed breathing room

while it attempts to refinance existing debt. CIT has a \$1 billion payment due in August.

Shares of CIT jumped 56 cents, or 80 percent, to \$1.26 in afternoon trading Monday.

The big commercial lender has faced a liquidity squeeze as its debt comes due and borrowers draw down their credit lines.

The deal will give the company about \$3 billion, according to published reports.

CIT representatives didn't immediately return phone calls from The Associated Press to comment on the reported financing deal.

CIT had been trying to reach a deal with the federal government for emergency funding before talks broke down last week. CIT had warned that depriving it of more federal aid

could imperil about a million corporate borrowers. But the Obama administration turned down the company's request, showing it's drawing a line on federally funded rescues.

A Treasury Department spokeswoman declined to comment on a possible private-sector rescue of the company and would not say whether the government was involved in the negotiations.

Once talks with government officials fell apart, CIT turned to some of its major bondholders for financial help.

The emergency loan would provide temporary financing to CIT so it could launch a debt exchange offer to free itself from debt maturities.

## California returns to budget negotiations

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and California's top lawmakers were set to resume talks Monday with the hope of hammering out the final details on a deal to close the state's \$26.3 billion budget deficit.

The negotiations come as the state pays its bills with promissory notes for the first time in nearly 20 years and as major credit agencies threaten the state's already basement-level bond rating. The dismal economy has forced a new round of cuts just 4½ months after California closed a previous \$42 billion deficit.

## Driver turned off train's autopilot before crash

SAN FRANCISCO — The operator of a San Francisco light-rail train that crashed into a parked train and injured 48 passengers on Saturday had turned off the auto controls right before the collision, federal investigators say.

Had he kept the autopilot on, the train would have slowed down before arriving at its destination and likely not hit another train at 23 mph, National Transportation Safety Board investigator Ted Turpin said Sunday. He added the operator never engaged the emergency brake.

The official wouldn't reveal the driver.

From The Associated Press

# 'Angela's Ashes' author dead at 78

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — After a childhood of almost impossible suffering, Frank McCourt came to embody so many improbable dreams.

He was a survivor of poverty who became rich, the child of immigrants who made good. He was the retiree who stepped into a magical second life. He was the winning ticket for every ordinary person who has imagined that he or she could turn their lives into a book.

"What the memoir requires is a distinctive voice, and Frank was

a master of his voice," said Mary Karr, a friend of McCourt and author of the best-selling memoir "The Liars Club."

McCourt, the beloved former schoolteacher and author of "Angela's Ashes," died Sunday of cancer. He was 78, gravely ill with meningitis and recently was treated for melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer and the cause of his death, said his publisher, Scribner.

"We had this big dinner party in Roxbury (Conn.) last month, and he was there," said author Gay Talese, a longtime friend. "I made him a vodka martini,

and he didn't look at all like he was going to disappear from the Earth in a month. He was very jovial, as usual."

Until his mid-60s, McCourt was essentially a New York character teaching by day and at night singing songs and telling stories with his younger brother Malachy.

But there was always a book or two being formed in his mind, and the world would learn his name, and story, in 1996, after a friend helped him get an agent and his then-unfinished manuscript was quickly signed by Scribner.



AP

Frank McCourt smiles during a 2005 interview at his apartment in New York. McCourt, the beloved former schoolteacher and author of "Angela's Ashes," died Sunday.



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## Actress courts eco-friendly investors

**T**he people of Montenegro — who, according to the CIA World Factbook, number 672,180, have a median age of 36.7 years, and primarily speak Serbian and Montenegrin — have a new, sexy, smart BFF.

That would be Pamela Anderson, who is speaking out about lucrative opportunities for millionaires to invest in the plunder, er, commercialization of that “country of exceptional beauty.”

Anderson last week was in the coastal town of Budva, where the Playboy model/actress-turned-financier took a meeting as a potential investor for a chain of eco-friendly hotels in the nation, whose 14,026 square kilometers stretch from the Adriatic Sea to Serbia. Pam writes on her blog that her “business partners from United Arab Emirates” told her about the investment idea, which “almost sounded too good to be true.” What turns her on most, she says, is that Montenegro is “well-versed in ... the ecological principles so important to me.”

— The Philadelphia Inquirer

### Hot dish

**Mischa Barton** remains hospitalized, two days after Los Angeles police say they escorted her from her home with an undisclosed medical problem.

Her publicist, Craig Schneider, says in a statement that the 23-year-old actress, known for her role on Fox teen drama “The O.C.,” remains in the hospital under doctor’s orders.

— The Associated Press

**Russell Crowe** is in the early stages of negotiations to reprise the role of Jack Aubrey as a British sea captain in a new movie version from the “Master & Commander” series of novels. Crowe told The Associated Press on Friday that a script based mostly on the eleventh novel of Patrick O’Brian’s 20-novel series, “The Reverse of the Medal,” had been written, but that discussions were at a very early stage.

— The Associated Press

North America’s sexiest cougar, **Kim Cattrall**, is once again, and gloriously, single. Cattrall, 52, known best for her “Sex and the City” role, has dumped her 32-year-old boytoy, chef Alan Wyse. The two had dated for five years.

— The Philadelphia Inquirer

**Renee Zellweger**, 40, who heroically gained a couple of pounds to play Bridget Jones, is reaching for the pizza, milkshakes and candy bars again. Variety says Zellweger has signed to star in the third flick about the romantic misadventures of the zaftig Brit neurotic. This time round, Bridget will obsess about having a baby before her bio-clock runs down.

— The Philadelphia Inquirer



Warner Bros. Pictures

**Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe) and friends have seen strong ticket sales for “Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince.”**

## Potter conjures big ticket sales again

**A**fter muggles packed the midnight Ashows, “Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince” quickly slowed down at the box office and resembled, well, the last “Harry Potter” movie.

The sixth film in Warner Bros.’ series based on the bestselling books sold a studio-estimated \$159.7 million worth of tickets from Wednesday through Sunday, exactly \$20 million more than the last installment, “Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix,” in July 2007.

About \$11 million of that difference can be explained by the nearly 8 percent rise in ticket prices from two years ago, according to data from the National Association of Theater Owners. The other \$9 million came from midnight shows Wednesday, when “Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince” earned \$22.2 million.

“Order of the Phoenix,” by contrast, earned \$12 million from midnight shows

when it debuted on a Wednesday two years ago.

The opening midnight shows were so huge that they blew away the previous record of \$18.5 million set by “The Dark Knight” last year. As a result, it seemed very possible that the new “Potter” film could topple the records for the biggest opening Wednesday and the biggest five gross starting on a Wednesday set by “Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen” last month.

By that evening, however, the movie’s momentum slowed and it was clear no more records would be smashed.

It was a terrible second weekend for “Bruno,” which saw ticket sales plummet 73 percent in the face of strongly negative audience reactions. That’s the biggest such drop for any movie this year.

— Los Angeles Times



Chicago Tribune

**Author and actress Bethenny Frankel proves her assertion that she can run wearing shoes with a 4-inch heel June 15 at the Ritz Carlton in downtown Chicago.**

## Housewife dishes up tips on slimming down

**S**ipping a club soda in the lobby of a Ritz-Carlton (where else, darling?), “Real Housewives of New York City” star Bethenny Frankel likens sensible eating to sensible shopping:

“If you buy an impractical turquoise leopard pair of shoes, what do you buy next?”

“You buy a white T-shirt, or you buy nothing. You buy a plain black cashmere sweater. If you decided to buy those shoes, you can’t then go and buy some fur jacket, because you know you can’t afford it.”

Frankel, promoting her best-selling book, “Naturally Thin: Unleash Your Skinnygirl and Free Yourself from a Lifetime of Dieting,” spoke about balancing caloric “investments,” the dietary habits of Paulina Porizkova and the true meaning of “skinny.”

The highlights:

**Q: How does your weight-loss approach work?**

A: What happens is, people are eating less because it’s more quality versus quantity. It’s a rule I call “taste everything, eat nothing,” which means, where do you invest? Rather than eating a big 7-ounce broiled chicken breast and steamed vegetables and brown rice that you don’t really want, you go in saying, “You know what? I really want a few pieces of New York steak. And I’m going to fill up on the high-fiber, high-volume foods first. I’m going to have the broccoli rabe and the salad first, and then I’m going to be able to have a little bit of the pasta or a little bit of the fatty New York steak.”

It’s kind of like a bank account. It’s the way that people shop. And everybody’s different, so it’s not cookie-cutter.

**Q: Do you have research to support that the weight loss can be maintained?**

A: I don’t need research. This is how thin people think. French people, all those books about Europeans, everybody I know who’s really thin, says, “I read this book, and this is why.” Paulina Porizkova, Gloria Estefan — she said, this is why I’m thin. I do what you say. I just didn’t know I was doing it.

— Nara Schoenberg/Chicago Tribune



## EDUCATION

By ALAN SCHER ZAGIER  
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo. — They call it Speakers' Circle, a First Amendment gathering spot at the University of Missouri where just about anything goes.

Confrontational evangelists condemn abortion and gay marriage. Conservative students bash President Obama's bailout plan. The rhetoric is heated, and the discussions not always polite.

College campuses have long been hotbeds of activism, from Vietnam War protests a generation ago to more recent efforts to roll back affirmative action in admissions.

But a rash of confrontations in recent years has led to a nationwide effort to promote civil debate on campus.

A \$4 million Ford Foundation initiative that began in 2006 and was expanded this year aims to promote dialogue on college campuses after a series of clashes between liberals and conservatives.

### Fighting harassment

One of the colleges taking part in the foundation's effort is the University of Missouri, where a survey several years ago found widespread reports of harassment targeting minority student groups.

"We're not here to tell people what to believe and what not to believe," said Roger Worthington, the school's chief diversity officer. "The overall goal is to create safer places for the free exchange of ideas."

Missouri recently hosted a Ford Foundation "difficult dialogues" workshop for campus leaders from nine schools: Alaska-Anchorage, Baylor, Iowa State, Kansas,

# Bridging the Cultural divide on college campuses

workshop, which led to the creation of several courses and public events designed to promote religious and cultural diversity.

Robert O'Neil, who heads the Ford Foundation effort, called the balancing act required of faculty members faced with divisive classroom comments a "constant dilemma."

"If you react candidly, you may stifle the student's inclination to participate," said



L.G. PATTERSON/AP

**Mallory Taul, center, teaches a mock class with students Paula Carter, left, and Zackary Ruesler, right, on June 12 during a "difficult dialogues" summer workshop for leaders from nine schools hosted by the University of Missouri in Columbia, Mo.**

Missouri-St. Louis, Oklahoma State, Texas-Austin, Texas A&M and Texas Tech.

Participants spent four days swapping stories about volatile classroom encounters and tips on promoting academic freedom, while tolerating offensive speech without allowing racial, ethnic, cultural and religious slurs or sexually explicit remarks.

They engaged in role-playing exercises including one that simulated an unpleasant classroom encounter between an evolution-denying student and an astronomy professor struggling to control her lecture. They also learned to avoid the name-calling shout fests that often pass for public debate on cable television and political campaigns.

"The culture wars have been ongoing in this country for many years," Worthington

said.

"We can't afford for the university to become a political battleground."

### Post-9/11 disputes

That's just what happened at the University of California's Irvine campus, where disputes between Jewish and Muslim student groups escalated in the aftermath of 9/11.

At the Orange County campus, vandals struck both a Holocaust memorial and a symbolic model of the barrier separating Israel and the West Bank. When some Muslim students wore garments at graduation that critics said paid tribute to the Palestinian militant group Hamas, an outside group filed a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Education.

The department refused to take up the complaint. But the tensions caused the school to hold its own "difficult dialogues"

... The overall goal is to create safer places for the free exchange of ideas."

**Roger Worthington**  
Chief diversity officer,  
University of Missouri

O'Neil, the director of the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression. "But if you say, 'That's a great point' every time, your comments cease to have value. The issue is how to strike a balance."

In a February essay in The Chronicle of Higher Education, scholars A. Lee Fritschler

and Bruce L.R. Smith decried what they called "the new climate of timidity on campus," a fear among professors of appearing too liberal that prevents them from speaking out or being overly cautious when it comes to confronting intolerance — or simply ignoring controversial topics. Such an approach deprives students of a fundamental college experience: the opportunity to be exposed to ideas and philosophical approaches contradictory to their own, O'Neil said.

"As a constitutional law scholar, I have to address polygamy, faith healing and gay bishops, among other subjects," he said. "My commitment is to never avoid talking about these issues, but to do so in a way that doesn't offend students in the trenches."

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## IN THE WORLD

# Mumbai gunman admits guilt in deadly attacks

BY RAJESH SHAH  
The Associated Press

MUMBAI, India — The lone surviving gunman in the Mumbai attacks pleaded guilty Monday and gave a detailed account of the plot and his role in the rampage that left 166 people dead and paralyzed the city for three days.

The confession was a big boost to India's claims that terrorist groups in Pakistan were behind the attack, and that Islamabad was not doing enough to clamp down on them. Pakistan has acknowledged the Mumbai attacks were partly plotted on its soil, severely straining relations between the nuclear-armed archrivals.

In a verbal statement, Ajmal Kasab described his group's journey from Karachi, Pakistan, on a boat, their subsequent landing in

Mumbai on Nov. 26, and his assault on a railway station and a hospital with a comrade he identified as Abu Ismail.

The other gunmen, also armed with automatic rifles and grenades, attacked a Jewish center and two five-star hotels, including the Taj Mahal. The rampage ended at the historic hotel days later after commandos killed the attackers holed up there.

"I was firing and Abu was hurling hand grenades (at the railway station)," Kasab told the court. "We both fired, me and Abu Ismail. We fired on the public."

Earlier Kasab, 21, stood up before the special court hearing his case just as a prosecution witness was to take the stand and addressed the judge. "Sir, I plead guilty to my crime," he said, trig-



RAJANISH KAKADE/AP

Prosecutor Ujjwal Nikam, left, shakes hands Monday with a police officer as he exits a special court hearing the terror attacks case in Mumbai, India. The lone surviving gunman pleaded guilty Monday.

gering a collective gasp in the courtroom.

The statement was recorded and signed by Kasab, formally reversing his plea from innocent to guilty in the trial that started April 17.

Kasab told the court he worked as a shop assistant in Jhelum town in Pakistan. Unhappy with

the low wages he and a colleague named Muzzafar went to Rawalpindi city with the intention of becoming professional robbers, he said.

While attending a festival in Rawalpindi, they approached some men with long beards, correctly guessing they were Islamic radicals who could provide

them weapons for robberies. The bearded men put them in touch with Lashkar-e-Taiba, which gave them weapons training, he said.

Kasab said his confession was not coerced. "There is no pressure on me. I am making the statement of my own will," he said.

## U.S., India agree to widen ties

The Associated Press

NEW DELHI — Setting a new path for cooperation with India, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Monday the two nations agreed on ways to expand U.S. defense and civilian nuclear sales, while acknowledging "different perspectives" on other issues such as climate change.

Clinton and Indian Foreign Minister S.M. Krishna, in a joint appearance following a day of high-level talks, pledged that future U.S.-Indian discussions would encompass a much wider scope of issues to include energy security, education, agriculture reform and counterterrorism. Clinton said it would be a "forum for action," not just talk among government leaders.

"We will work not just to maintain our good relationship, but to broaden and deepen it," she told an evening news conference. "And to that end our governments have agreed to a strategic dialogue," Clinton said. She said that would include not just government officials but also business leaders, scientists, social activists, academics, leaders of charitable foundations, educators and entrepreneurs.

Krishna said the two reaffirmed a commitment to "resist the threat from the scourge of terrorism."



MUSTAFA QURAISHI/AP

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, left, and Indian Foreign Minister S.M. Krishna exchange documents on Monday after signing an agreement on an endowment fund for science and technology in New Delhi.

The expressions of goodwill on both sides stand in contrast to sharp differences on carbon emissions and whether India should be part of an international agreement setting legally binding limits on its emissions. An Indian official told Clinton in blunt terms Sunday that India won't accept such limits — a stance that jeopardizes Obama administration efforts to get a meaningful climate change accord.

At her news conference with Krishna, Clinton alluded to those divisions.

"Each of our countries, as you would expect, has different perspectives about the problems we face and how we will solve them," she said. "But as the oldest democ-

racy and the largest democracy in the world we believe we can work through these differences."

Clinton said her talks Monday finalized two agreements. One is an Indian designation of two sites on which U.S. companies would have exclusive rights to sell civilian nuclear power reactors. That could be worth an estimated \$10 billion in U.S. sales. The other deal is designed to allow the U.S. to ensure that technology in sensitive American defense items purchased by India are not transferred to third countries.

"We want to broaden and deepen our strategic understanding" and find more common ground with India, Clinton said at Delhi University on Monday.

## 'End this game,' Iran's leader tells opposition

BY ALI AKBAR DAREINI  
The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's supreme leader issued a warning Monday to the opposition to back down after a pro-reform former president called for a referendum on the government's legitimacy, a sign of the movement's growing boldness in challenging the nation's clerical rulers.

The exchanges between the opposition on one side and Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and his core of hard-line clerical supporters on the others appeared to be heating up, reflecting how the monthlong conflict over Iran's disputed presidential election is entering a new level — a struggle within the leadership itself.

The opposition has been energized by a show of support last week from former President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, a key figure within the ruling clerical hierarchy. On Monday, opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi made some of his harshest comments yet at hard-liners and, implicitly, Khamenei himself.

Mousavi said they had insulted Iran's people by claiming that the anger over June 12 presidential elections that exploded into massive protests.

"You are facing something new: an awakened nation, a nation that has been born again and is here to defend its achievements," Mousavi said during a meeting with



AP

Iranian supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei is shown Monday at a meeting in Tehran, Iran. He told politicians not to disturb the country's security in a strong warning to the opposition.

families of those arrested in the postelection crackdown, in which he called for the detainees' release. "Arrests ... won't put an end to this problem. End this game as soon as possible and return to the nation its (arrested) sons."

Supreme Leader Khamenei, who holds final say in all state matters in Iran, has declared valid the re-election of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and has demanded a stop to questioning the results.

Khamenei's warning on Monday was clearly aimed at telling the opposition to stay in line.



# China: Ethnic unrest coordinated by women

BY TINI TRAN  
The Associated Press

BEIJING — Police alleged that women wearing long, black Islamic robes and head scarves acted as ringleaders in the July 5 ethnic unrest in western Xinjiang, state media reported Monday, as China issued more details about the riots and their aftermath.

Meanwhile, the top legislator from riot-hit Xinjiang said authorities will speed up local legislation against separatism in the western region that has a long-running independence movement by minority Uighurs, state media reported Monday.

China faced its worst unrest in decades this month when tensions between the dominant Han Chinese and the Turkic-speaking, Muslim Uighurs clashed in the regional capital of

Urumqi. Nearly 200 people died.

Chinese officials said Sunday that police killed 12 people during July 5 rioting — a rare acknowledgment by the government that security forces opened fire in the worst ethnic clashes to hit the region in decades.

The chairman of the Standing Committee of the Xinjiang Regional People's Congress blamed the July 5 riots on "three forces" — extremism, separatism, and terrorism — both at home and abroad, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

China already has a national law against secession, though there are no similar regional laws. Xinjiang is working on legislation that would "provide legal assistance to Xinjiang's anti-secession struggle and crack down on violence and terrorism," Imibakhi said.

Police said alleged ringleaders included women wearing long, black Islamic robes and head scarves who were issuing "commands," according to footage from security cameras, the China Daily newspaper reported.

"Such dressing ... is very rare in Urumqi but these kinds of women were seen many times at different locations on surveillance cameras on that day," the report quoted unnamed police sources as saying.

The People's Daily, the Communist Party newspaper, said witnesses and surveillance footage captured the young women wearing white, black, and brown robes with head scarves, along with young men in blue T-shirts, involved in the riot, with the women inciting the violence while the men carried it out.

## Mourners bury first Jakarta bombing victim

JAKARTA, Indonesia — The first Jakarta hotel bombings victim was buried Monday — days after his wife gave birth to a second child, local media reported.

Evert Mocodompis, 38, died while working in the restaurant of the J.W. Marriott hotel on Friday. Family and friends sang hymns and put flowers on his grave.

The culprits in Friday's attacks that killed seven and wounded 50 are believed to have belonged to Jemaah Islamiyah due to similarities in the bombs, Maj. Gen. Nanan Sukarna said.

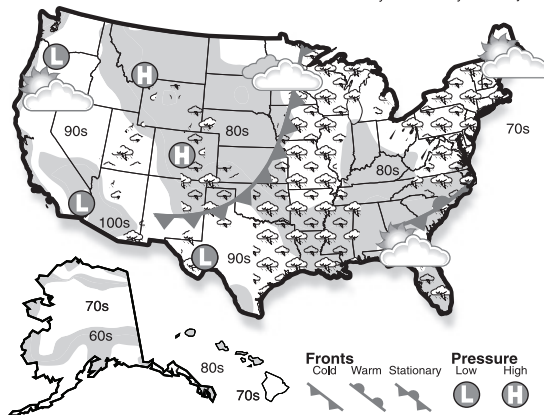
Anti-terrorism police were hunting for Noordin Mohammad Top, a fugitive Malaysian with the network.

From The Associated Press

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, July 21



### Front Sweeps Through Central US

A cold front will produce areas of showers and thunderstorms from the Upper Mississippi Valley to the Southern Plains as it pushes through the Plains. An exiting frontal boundary will also produce stormy weather throughout the Mid-Atlantic.

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### Monday's global temperatures

City, Hi, Lo, Weather	La Paz 60 21 pc
Amsterdam 69 57 rn	Lima 67 62 cdy
Athens 95 73 clr	Lisbon 93 66 clr
Auckland 59 51 rn	London 70 55 rn
Baghdad 107 84 clr	Madrid 95 58 clr
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Calgary 70 53 rn	Panama 91 77 pc
Caracas 93 78 pc	Paris 69 59 pc
Colombo 84 80 clr	Perth 61 50 rn
Copenhagen 71 59 rn	Prague 68 54 rn
Dhahran 111 84 clr	Rio de Janeiro 71 66 pc
Dhaka 93 81 cdy	Rome 82 60 clr
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Dubai 102 86 clr	San Juan 91 76 rn
Dublin 66 51 rn	San Salvador 89 69 rn
Frankfurt 73 55 rn	Santiago 52 33 cdy
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Guatemala 78 64 pc	Sapporo 64 61 rn
Hanoi 96 80 cdy	Seoul 84 71 pc
Harare 48 42 clr	Singapore 88 80 rn
Havana 95 71 clr	Sofia 77 64 pc
Helsinki 77 53 rn	Stockholm 69 60 rn
Hong Kong 86 78 rn	Sydney 68 42 clr
Islamabad 100 91 clr	Taipei 91 80 pc
Istanbul 89 72 clr	Tegucigalpa 83 66 pc
Jakarta 89 71 pc	Tehran 105 89 clr
Jerusalem 90 76 pc	Tel Aviv 90 76 pc
Johannesburg 62 36 clr	Tokyo 91 77 pc
Kabul 93 71 clr	Turin 81 53 clr
Kiev 93 69 rn	Toronto 68 52 pc
Kuala Lumpur 94 76 rn	Tunis 87 69 clr
Kuwait 113 91 clr	Valletta 84 69 clr
	Vancouver 73 55 clr
	Vienna 73 57 pc
	Warsaw 64 57 rn
	Zurich 70 51 rn

## WEDNESDAY'S FORECAST



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### Monday's U.S. temperatures

City, Hi, Lo, Precip, Weather	Casper 89 57 .09 cdy	Erie 68 55 cdy	Jacksonville 90 72 rn	Montgomery 85 59 clr	Richmond 85 69 rn	Spokane 84 59 clr
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Akron, Ohio 75 54 cdy	Charleston, W.Va. 76 60 .34 rn	Evansville 77 56 cdy	Kansas City 81 62 cdy	New Orleans 90 73 cdy	Rochester 69 52 cdy	Springfield, Mo. 80 60 cdy
Albany, N.Y. 77 57 cdy	Charlotte, N.C. 84 65 rn	Fairbanks 80 56 cdy	Key West 92 83 cdy	New York City 81 67 cdy	Rockford 70 50 cdy	Syracuse 73 54 cdy
Albuquerque 100 72 cdy	Chattanooga 80 59 cdy	Fargo 80 63 cdy	Knoxville 76 60 cdy	Newark 85 67 cdy	Sacramento 106 62 clr	Tallahassee 89 67 .17 cdy
Allentown, Pa. 80 57 cdy	Cheyenne 88 58 cdy	Flagstaff 88 58 .06 cdy	Lake Charles 90 73 cdy	Norfolk, Va. 81 72 cdy	St. Louis 79 59 clr	Tampa 88 71 .26 rn
Amarillo 91 62 cdy	Chicago 71 55 cdy	Flint 75 54 .87 cdy	Lansing 73 54 cdy	North Platte 87 65 .28 cdy	St. Petersburg 89 76 .24 rn	Toledo 77 56 cdy
Anchorage 62 54 .10 rn	Cincinnati 74 56 cdy	Fort Smith 90 69 .08 cdy	Las Vegas 109 87 cdy	Oklahoma City 97 67 cdy	St. Thomas 89 77 .46 rn	Topeka 83 66 cdy
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Atlanta 80 61 clr	Colorado Springs 87 63 cdy	Fresno 112 78 clr	Little Rock 83 67 cdy	Orlando 89 71 .86 rn	Salt Lake City 98 71 cdy	Tulsa 90 68 cdy
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Bismarck 84 62 .12 cdy	Dayton 73 57 cdy	Harrisburg 81 61 cdy	Memphis 84 66 cdy	Portland, Ore. 82 61 clr	Santa Fe 95 65 cdy	Wilkes-Barre 77 66 cdy
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/OPINION

## Remembering brother in arms

I am a public information officer and send this [letter] in the name of all soldiers from the 21st Maneuver Battalion "Black Vipers" (Romanian).

We were friends and brothers in arms with Capt. Mark A. Garner, who died in Zabul, Afghanistan, on July 6. We met him 10 months ago in Romania when we started preparation for our deployment to Zabul. Now we are home and he has gone to God.

We fought together against insurgents in Zabul. We will keep always his memory in our hearts.

Capt. Ciprian Panga  
Predeal, Romania

## Let them wear the glasses

I've never written to Stars and Stripes but, after reading "Health risk unnecessary" (letter, July 20), I had to respond.

The most disturbing thing I read was, "according to the command sergeant major, it's not about safety but about uniformity."

Since when should safety take a back seat to uniformity? This policy needs to change immediately. As long as person-

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nel are wearing Army-issue or equivalent equipment, it shouldn't be a problem. It's my understanding that most units in Iraq are required to wear clear or colored bal-

listic "safety" lenses at all times.

I bet the 82nd also forbids the wearing of the "boonie" hat because of "uniformity" concerns. Please save this garrison mentality to division runs when you return to Fort Bragg.

Master Sgt. Doug Bram  
Stuttgart, Germany

## Who works for whom?

When will the Army give back the war to the soldiers?

Every day there are more and more contractors filling up the forward operating bases and camps. Everywhere you go, you have to ask contractors to do anything.

Who regulates the contractors to do their jobs? In the military, we are accountable for everything we do and there is always somebody overseeing the work. We did have standards and regulations. Now, you can't even get into the chow hall, enter camps, or even get billeting.

Are contractors here to work for the military (servicemembers), or are we here to work for the contractors?

Sgt. Raymond E. Cesenas  
Camp Eggers, Afghanistan

## Obama approach has alienated Israel

BY FRIDA GHITIS

The Miami Herald

President Barack Obama's Middle East peace efforts have produced a most peculiar situation. Palestinians, watching Obama face down Israel on the settlements issue, have become emboldened, refusing to sit down and talk, instead raising new conditions and bragging about how protracted negotiations have worn Israel down.

Israelis, meanwhile, are growing increasingly worried that Obama does not understand their concerns. A huge majority in Israel now believe the American president favors Palestinians.

The push from Washington for a new direction in the Mideast has transformed the situation so dramatically that it risks overshooting its mark and making prospects for reconciliation more remote.

Obama planned to gain the confidence of Arabs by showing he could place strong demands on Israel. The idea was that, once seen as impartial, Washington would become a trustworthy mediator, making it easier for Palestinians and other Arabs to compromise for peace.

The strategy of showing Washington no longer sides fully with Israel may or may not have convinced Arabs, but it has succeeded wildly in making its point in Israel. A Jerusalem Post survey showed that just 6 percent of Israelis see the Obama administration as pro-Israel. And Palestinians seem determined to let Obama wring concessions from Israel without making any of their own.

Arabs still refuse to make concrete

moves indicating a willingness to accept Israel's existence in the region. Tacit denial of Israel's right to exist continues, and Palestinians have taken steps away from the negotiating table, widening the gap.

Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas now refuses to meet with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu unless he freezes all settlement activity, even in neighborhoods both sides had agreed would stay in Israel after a Palestinian state is formed. This is a new demand from Abbas, who frequently met with Netanyahu's predecessors.

Chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erakat told the Jordanian newspaper Al-Dustum the process has worked well for Palestinians, resulting in Israel gradually giving in on its negotiating positions, "So why should we hurry?"

Erakat has a point. Netanyahu, a hardliner, has been folding like a Damascus backgammon table. He came to power three months ago after campaigning as a stern defender of Israel. Since, he has reversed his refusal to accept the creation of a Palestinian state. The change came with conditions, hardly surprising in the middle of high-stakes bargaining. And he has re-entled on a number of matters. ...

For Israelis, the concern that looms above all others is security. But Obama has done little to show he grasps the extent of Israelis' well-founded anxieties.

Territorial concessions would inevitably leave Israel more exposed, so the Israeli public, a majority of which consistently expresses a willingness to accept a Palestinian state, will resist huge government concessions if it believes they will bring

more wars, more fear and more death, as happened after Israel withdrew from Gaza and from southern Lebanon. And those withdrawals came before Iran's nuclear program became known.

Just a few days ago, a huge explosion startled the terrified residents of the Lebanese village Khirbet Silim, just over the border from Israel. The accidental detonation blew up ammunitions stored by Hezbollah among civilians. The intended eventual target for the rockets was Israel, and the funds for purchasing and transporting the weapons came from Iran.

A new report from Germany's intelligence agency says Iran could detonate a nuclear weapon in six months, much sooner than anyone expected. The radical regime in Tehran, showing no sign of loosening its grip on its own population, remains committed to supporting Hezbollah in Lebanon and Hamas in Gaza, two organizations dedicated to Israel's destruction. Iran may not openly use its armaments against Israel, but it has demonstrated its willingness to work through allied militias. ...

If Obama wants to make peace more likely between Israelis and Palestinians, he needs to dial down the one-sided pressure. Settlements are hardly the only obstacle to peace. He should show he expects all sides to compromise, and he needs to convince everyone — Arabs and Israelis — that he understands the threats Israel faces and is committed to seeing that a peace deal does not bring more threats to Israel's survival.

Without that, peace will remain the subject of speeches, songs and dreams.

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU





## OPINION

## Walter Cronkite: A role model for so many

By TOM BROKAW

Walter Cronkite was born in Missouri, educated in Texas and grew up to become the most trusted man in America by a vote of his countrymen. He was a man with many sides: sailor, race-car driver, bon vivant, and, most of all, journalist and role model to so many of us who shared his profession.

For more than half a century he was in the middle of the biggest stories of his time. He covered World War II on bombing runs out of England and on the ground at the Battle of the Bulge for United Press, the clickety-clack news bulletin wire service that formed his journalistic sensibilities for the rest of his career.

When Cronkite made his way to the anchor chair of the "CBS Evening News," he became America's old-fashioned managing editor, an avuncular figure so comforting he was widely known as Uncle Walter as he guided the nation through the assassinations of two Kennedys and Martin Luther King Jr.; Chicago in 1968; Vietnam; man's first steps on the moon; Watergate; the resignation of Richard Nixon; and the meeting of Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin.

He famously concluded that

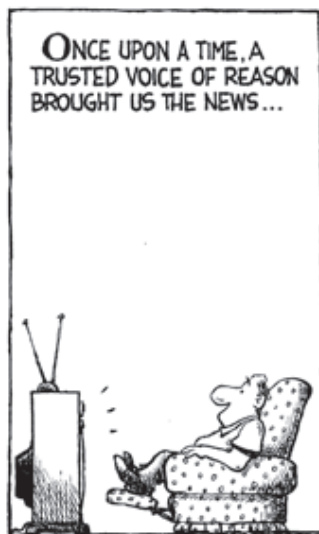
Vietnam could not be won, and at that moment President Lyndon Johnson knew that if he had lost Cronkite, he had lost middle America.

Walter was a seminal force in making the network evening news broadcasts appointment television across the country, a time of day when millions tuned in to find out what had happened in their world.

Those of us at NBC News and ABC News were justifiably proud of the work we were doing on that run of historic news events, but Walter was the marquee name. While he wasn't resistant to the vanities that come with such fame, he was helped immeasurably by the sardonic wit of his lifelong mate, Betsy, who saw her role as the anchor to windward of the most trusted man in America.

On a Kentucky Derby weekend Walter and I were invited to go aloft in separate hot air balloons. As we lifted off, I could hear Betsy saying to Walter over the two-way radio, "We're down here dividing up your things. Do you still want that burial at sea?"

Broadway opening nights and movie premieres — and they didn't miss many — were always enlivened by the presence of the Cronkites, who had a wide range



of good friends, including John Steinbeck, Eli Wallach, Toots Shor, Mike Wallace, Andy Rooney, Jackie Kennedy, Art Buchwald, and Bill and Rose Styron as well as — get this — Mickey Hart, the drummer for the Grateful Dead, a fellow sailing enthusiast. Walter occasionally appeared on stage at Hart concerts.

When he left the anchor chair,

Walter continued to advance the cause of serious, no-nonsense journalism, often from the journalism school named for him at Arizona State University. He also began to speak out on some political causes that interested him, promoting conservative critics to say, "Aha, I told you so."

Nonetheless, when he died Friday at age 92 he remained Uncle

Walter to generations of Americans who saw him as a wise and fair man with a nautical title and a sailor's skill of getting them through rough seas by keeping a steady hand on the tiller and his eyes on the far horizon.

Tom Brokaw is a special correspondent and former Nightly News anchor for NBC. This column first appeared in The Washington Post.

## Saddam's mother of all bluffs still doing damage

By DAN K. THOMASSON

Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON

It looks as though Saddam Hussein, as has been increasingly suspected, pulled off the mother of all bluffs — one that not only changed the course of history but set off a chain reaction so violent it is anyone's guess where and when it will end.

The late dictator told his FBI interrogators before he was turned over to Iraqi justice that he fooled the United States and half the world into thinking he was in possession of weapons of mass destruction as a deterrent to what he believed was a threat from Iran. He said his fear of Iranian fanatics was so strong he even contemplated seeking a security agreement with America, whom he did not see as a major enemy.

If true, and there is no reason to believe otherwise since the six-year war and occupation in Iraq has turned up no evidence that nuclear or biological capability existed, it is a verification of what critics of the Iraq invasion charged all along, that about the only threat Saddam posed was to himself. It even seems that the often defiant former ruler realized in the end what a mistake he had made, openly suggesting to his captors that it would have been better to have let United Nations inspectors witness the destruction of his weapons stockpile after the 1991 Gulf War.

Well, no kidding. Because he did not, he convinced not only Iran but also half the world, mainly the Western half, he was in possession of weapons of mass destruction. A paranoid Bush administration, innately convinced that Saddam was a major threat to global peace and supported in that misconception by horrible intelligence, bought the bluff and let loose the furies in this operatic tragedy. It has become clear now that the major believer of the Saddam "big bang" theory was Vice President Dick Cheney, who helped convince a compliant president that Iraq could be the catalyst for

nuclear war.

Under the circumstances, Cheney may ultimately be correct.

Summaries of 20 FBI interviews with Saddam in 2004 have been posted on the Internet by a non-governmental research institute, the National Security Archive, which obtained them through the Freedom of Information Act.

Much of the material was redacted, including one summary that was completely so.

There was something hauntingly similar about Saddam's confessions and those of former Defense Secretary Robert McNamara, who revealed in his memoirs that he had known very early that the Vietnam War was a lost cause. Like Saddam, he and others in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations did nothing to stop the process and the result was the loss of tens of thou-

sands of American and Vietnamese lives. That war too was based on a fallacy, the so-called "domino theory" that held that much of Southeast Asia would fall to communism unless stopped.

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The cost of the Iraqi dictator's monumental acting job should be obvious to everyone. Apparently, not only was he fearful of the Iranians, he had absolutely no use for Osama bin Laden, whom he labeled a "zealot." He told the FBI that he had no contact with al-Qaida. The White House claimed a link between Iraq and the terrorist organization as another excuse for the invasion. There was really never any evidence to back up that contention either.

There is no question that the blustery, boastful former dictator would have liked to put the best face possible on his actions, to convince his American captors and the Iraqi courts that he was playing poker with them throughout the years. On the other hand, he had to be aware of what his fate was going to be no matter what. It also has been

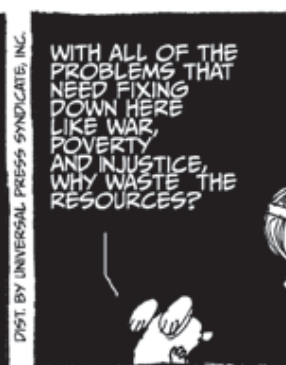
quite obvious for some time that the premise on which the invasion took place was more than just tissue thin, it had no basis in fact and is only the least bit defensible because it was propounded in the aftermath of the second most traumatic event in the last 100 years, the first being the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

If Saddam had a "tell" as they say in poker, we didn't see it.

Dan K. Thomasson is former editor of Scripps Howard News Service.

## Prickly City

By SCOTT STANTIS





## Democrats set override record

**HI** HONOLULU — Majority Democratic lawmakers flexed their political muscle by overriding the most vetoes in state history, forcing into law 35 measures that Republican Gov. Linda Lingle had vetoed.

The new laws include measures making it easier for employees to unionize and restarting the state's universal child health care program.

Democrats did not override the governor's vetoes of bills that would have raised oil taxes and collected taxes on Internet sales.

When combined with four tax increase overrides in May, this year's 39 overrides far exceeds the previous record of 19 overrides in 2007.

Each override needed at least two-thirds majorities in both the House and Senate to become law.

## N.H. man gets life for Boston slaying

**MA** BOSTON — A New Hampshire man convicted of fatally shooting another man to death near Boston's South Station has been sentenced to life in prison.

Sean Evelyn, of Merrimack, N.H., was sentenced in Suffolk Superior Court to life in prison with the possibility of parole in 15 years. He was convicted last week of second-degree murder for shooting 20-year-old Cushings Fortuna three times on New Year's Eve 2006.

Prosecutors say the men had a prior dispute, then had a brief scuffle after a chance encounter at the station on New Year's Eve. Evelyn went to his car to retrieve a gun and shot Fortuna as he chased him down city streets.

## Perry questions whether Hutchison will run

**TX** AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry suggested that Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison may not run against him in the 2010 Republican primary, even though Hutchison said she has \$12.5 million in the bank and plans to challenge him.

"My goal is to not have a primary," Perry told reporters after he chaired a state cash flow committee meeting. Asked whether he thinks Hutchison may decide not to enter the GOP primary, he said, "It's always a possibility."

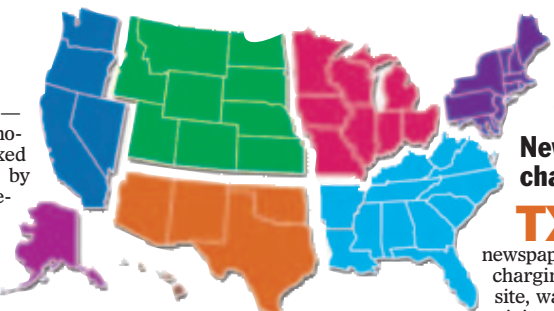
Perry, who took over as governor in 2000 when then-Gov. George W. Bush was elected president, has never lost an election. If he succeeds in his re-election bid it would give him an unprecedented third term as Texas' chief executive.

Hutchison has served in the U.S. Senate since 1993. Politicians from both parties are already lining up to run for her seat whenever she leaves the Senate. She hasn't said when that will be.

## 3 killed in small plane crash near Los Angeles

**CA** HAWTHORNE — A small plane crashed between buildings at a suburban Los Angeles airport, killing three people on board, authorities said.

The single-engine Beechcraft



## AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Bonanza G36 went down around 4:30 p.m. and smashed into a parking area at Hawthorne Municipal Airport, Los Angeles County Fire Inspector Frank Garrido said.

The main body of the wreckage ended up in parking spaces among four buildings near the airport's runway. The nose was destroyed, the tail section was bent to one side, and fuel spilled across the ground. There was no fire.

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Allan Kenitzer said it wasn't known whether the plane was taking off or landing. The cause of the crash was under investigation.

## Judge releases man who threatened alumni

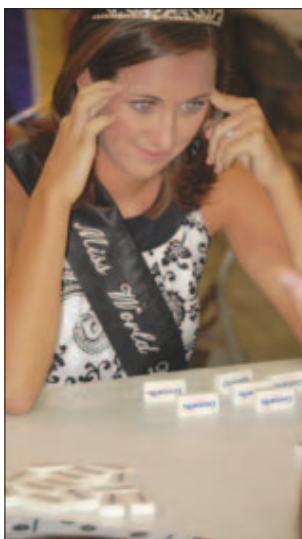
**VA** ROANOKE — A man who pleaded guilty to sending an e-mail threat to two Virginia Tech alumni on the eve of the first anniversary of the university's mass shooting has been released from jail and ordered to undergo psychiatric treatment.

Johnmarlo Balasta Napa of Las Vegas tearfully apologized in U.S. District Court in Roanoke for hurting the two women.

Judge James Turk sentenced him to the time served, which is nearly 15 months.

Napa, who has been diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia, has said he sent the e-mails to draw attention to violent Internet postings.

The e-mail recipients had complained that Seung-Hui Cho had stalked them. Cho was the student



## Concentration

Miss World Domino Mallory Mims plays a game at the World Championship Domino Tournament in Andalusia, Ala.

gunman who killed 32 people and himself on Virginia Tech's campus in 2007.

## Newspaper to charge for access

**TX** HARLINGEN — A South Texas newspaper says it will begin charging for access to its Web site, warning that the days of giving content away for free are over.

The Valley Morning Star announced in its online edition that Web site access would remain free for subscribers who receive the print edition seven days a week. But weekend subscribers and non-subscribers will have to pay a 75-cent daily subscription fee for the Web site. Monthly rates will also be available.

## Report: Young workers are sticking around

**NH** CONCORD — The idea that young people are fleeing New Hampshire in droves is more myth than reality, according to a task force that nonetheless recommends the state do more to build up its young work force.

Although the number of people ages 25 to 34 fell by nearly 25 percent between 1990 and 2000, the drop had more to do with fewer babies being born in the 1970s than so-called "brain drain," the task force said in a report. In fact, the number of young adults in New Hampshire is growing.

## Victim: Attacker yelled 'This is my country!'

**NY** NEW YORK — New York City police have arrested a second suspect in the baseball bat beating of a Hispanic man who needed 18 stitches in his head following the attack.

Police say 28-year-old Albijond Kaja was arrested on charges including assault and robbery as hate crimes. There was no phone listed for him at a Brooklyn address provided by police.

Staten Island district attorney spokesman William J. Smith says neither Kaja nor another man arrested in the attack have attorneys. Both are expected to be arraigned soon.

Nicaragua native Luis Maltez was with his Mexican-born roommate when he was beaten last month. He has said one attacker yelled a profanity-laced reference to "Mexicans" and said "This is my country."

Maltez's roommate escaped from the attackers.

## When you ring for the bellman, he gets wings

**NY** SENECA FALLS — Clarence got his wings at the end of "It's A Wonderful Life." Now he's getting an upstate New York hotel named in his honor.

The Hotel Clarence, named after the wing-seeking angel from the 1946 Christmastime classic starring Jimmy Stewart, is scheduled to open this month in Seneca Falls. The Finger Lakes village claims to be the inspiration for Bedford Falls, the town depicted in Frank Capra's film.

The 48-room hotel is located in a historic downtown building that opened as the Gould Hotel in 1918.



**Chasing the goal** Bill Boyce of Lewistown, Mont., races after a calf in the tie down roping event at the Great Northern Stampede Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Rodeo during the Great Northern Fair in Havre, Mont.



**Welcome water** Jim Karr is captain of the Therapy Too, a charter sport fishing boat docked in Ludington, Mich. He was forced to move his boat to a different marina in recent years because of low water, but he now has returned it to his slip at Crosswinds Marina.





Lighting up the sky

A vein of lightning strikes beyond the Flagler Pier, in Flagler Beach, Fla., as a summer storm rolls south.



Thunderous appreciation

and signs autographs after a Thunderbirds performance at the 2009 Vectren Dayton Air Show in Dayton, Ohio.

Air Force Maj. Kirby Ensser meets spectators



Little birds love it

Corinne Thul fills a bird feeder for hummingbirds at her home in Logan Canyon near Logan, Utah.



Firefighters' pride

Firefighter Jesse Riner works on a 1951 Ford fire engine restored by the Perry Fire Department in Perry, Ga.

## 6 killed when 2 cars collide at intersection

**UT** MAGNA — Six people were killed, including four children, and three people were seriously injured when two cars collided in the Salt Lake City suburb of Magna, authorities said.

A Dodge Stratus carrying two adults and five children was trying to make a left turn when it was T-boned by a Mercury Sable carrying an adult and a teen, the Utah Highway Patrol reported.

UHP Sgt. Jeff Nigbur said six of the seven people in the Dodge were killed. The only survivor, 4-year-old Ricardo Ramirez, was in serious condition at Primary Children's Medical Center but was expected to survive.

The two people in the Mercury were taken to University of Utah Hospital, where they were in serious condition.

## Son of famed hotel founder discovered dead

**NY** WHITE PLAINS — The son of the founder of Florida's storied Fontainebleau Hotel was killed in his room at a hotel in suburban New York during a convention he organized, police said.

The beaten body of Ben Novack Jr., 53, was found at the Hilton Rye Town, said Rye Brook Police Chief Gregory Austin.

The attack did not appear random, he said, and valuables appeared to be missing. No one reported hearing screams.

Nikki Grossman, president of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau, said Novack was the son of Ben Novack Sr., who owned the Fontainebleau in Miami Beach from its opening in 1954 until 1977. The hotel has been used in such Hollywood films as "Goldfinger" and "Scarface" and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

## Man arrested after wife dies during cruise

**CA** SAN DIEGO — A Los Angeles man has been arrested for allegedly murdering his wife during a cruise to Mexico, the FBI said.

Robert McGill was being held in the death of his wife, Shirley, aboard the Carnival Elation. She was killed during a five-day trip to Cabo San Lucas, said Keith Slotter, special agent in charge of the FBI's San Diego bureau.

Slotter would not provide details of the killing or a possible motive.

Carnival Cruise Lines issued a statement saying the Elation was on the last leg of its trip when the 55-year-old woman was killed during a domestic dispute in a cabin.

A passenger contacted ship's security several hours after the ship had left Cabo San Lucas and expressed concern that the wife might be dead, Slotter said.

## Jenny the elephant introduced to new friend

**TX** DALLAS — Jenny the elephant has received an introduction to her new companion at the Dallas Zoo.

Jenny and Gypsy were separated by a fence, but they still stuck their trunks through the gaps, the Dallas Morning News reported. Zoo officials said they likely would

take down the fence by the end of the week.

Gypsy, a 27-year-old female African elephant, arrived in March and had been under quarantine, which is normal procedure.

The 33-year-old Jenny, the larger of the two, lost her previous companion, KeKe, to congestive heart failure in May 2008.

## Bloomberg petitions for a new party

**NY** NEW YORK — New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg is petitioning to create another party.

The billionaire mayor is a Democrat-turned-Republican-turned-independent. He has already secured two ballot lines for this year's election — the Republican line and the Independence Party line.

But his campaign is collecting signatures for something called the Jobs and Education Party.

It's essentially a marketing trick.

Bloomberg is already running on two lines, so the words "Jobs and Education" would just be added to one of the existing lines.

The ballot would say "Republican/Jobs and Education" or "Independence/Jobs and Education."

Campaign spokesman Howard Wolfson says it's another way to communicate with voters.

## State sues Manhattan eatery over workers' pay

**NY** NEW YORK — State Attorney General Andrew Cuomo says a popular Thai restaurant in Manhattan's financial district underpaid employees by hundreds of thousands of dollars, with some working up 72 hours a week for less than minimum wage.

Cuomo's office filed a lawsuit against Liberty Thai Corp., which runs the Lemongrass Grill, and company owner Hann Low.

The suit says delivery workers made as little as \$2.08 per hour, and some kitchen workers made as little as \$4.23 per hour — below minimum wage, even when reduced by an allowance for tips.

The lawsuit seeks more than \$962,000 in restitution and damages.

## Stimulus funding sought for New England trains

**RI** PROVIDENCE — Rail service across New England would be faster, include more stops and attract twice as many riders by 2030 under an improvement plan that regional governors have backed while seeking federal stimulus funding for the project.

Their plan integrates transportation projects across the region so the states can compete for some \$8 billion in the federal stimulus funding.

The states submitted pre-applications to request federal grants for the project. The plan would cut travel time on the Amtrak Downeaster line linking Boston and Portland, Maine, by about 20 to 25 minutes and extend the route to Brunswick, Maine.

Stories and photos from wire services



# Horoscope

What's in your heart that you would share with the whole world if you could? The sun enters Leo, the sign that rules the heart, beginning a period of passionate self-expression. If you don't quite know what you want to put into the world, this will be the start of an exploration of your unique identity, interests, talents and desires.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JULY 22).** This year turns up your self-discipline and recuperative powers and so, with robust health and vitality, you are ready to face bigger challenges. Your romantic fortunes improve in September. November introduces fantastic work prospects. Relationships grow sweeter in January and a commitment is featured. Love signs are Libra and Pisces.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You'll feel a wild impulse to act and then just as suddenly, something stops you. It's not fear holding you back, just your own good timing. Don't act until you feel steadily, 100 percent sure of yourself.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You'll be in good humor, laughing at the ironies of life and pointing them out so that others can react in kind. Tonight, the kindness you show a loved one is the key to unlocking this person's unbounded affection.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You're in for a treat. A meal that's divine or some other elegant experience is in your near future. A person who shares your superior taste will turn you on to quality goods and services.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** It's said for optimum health, you shouldn't wait until you're thirsty to drink. Similarly for optimum spiritual health, don't wait until you're desperate to pray, meditate or ask the universe to show you some love.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Gratitude is one of your favorite human emotions. It seems that the more you find to be grateful for, the more you

are given. You'll start the cycle up once more with a sweet thank-you note.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Lately, you've been trying to add as many experiences to your life as possible. That said, this is a time to be more discerning. Just because an opportunity is unusual doesn't mean you should go for it.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** No one has your touch, encouraging manner or band of support. A distant loved one is homesick for your attention. Give generously those things that only you can.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** If it seems like people are getting too up close and personal, or that your space is invaded by nonchalant intruders, this is all a sign. You are being nudged in a direction so that you will reconnect with your original purpose.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** When you indirectly indicate what you want, only the keenly observant people will get your drift. Subtle messages sail right over people's heads undetected. Be bold and clear.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You'll encounter a forceful personality. Though there is a certain glamour to this person, resist getting too sucked into all that. You need equal billing in your relationships. Make it known from the start.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You don't mind picking up the slack for your loved ones, but lately it seems like a certain person is handing over the whole kit and caboodle for you to handle — and it's not your responsibility. Speak up.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You're still on the fence about taking on a project or a relationship. If you want something badly enough, making a commitment is easy and you'll do whatever it takes. Wait until you feel an undeniable conviction.

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## Holiday Mathis



# SUDOKU

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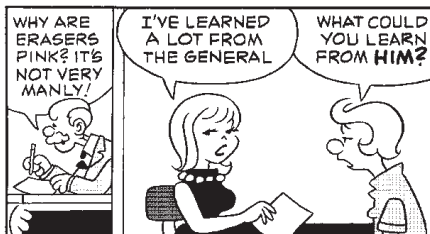
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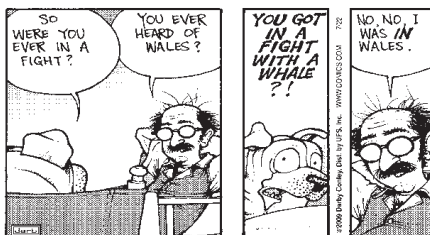
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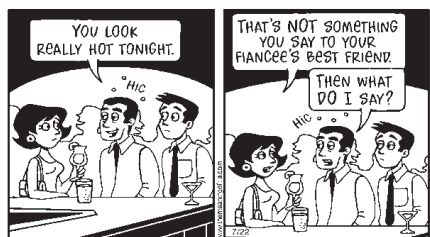
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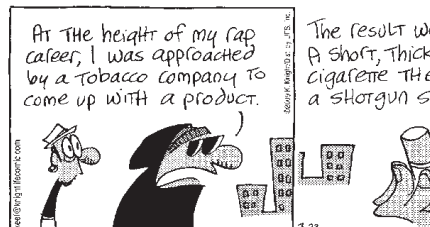
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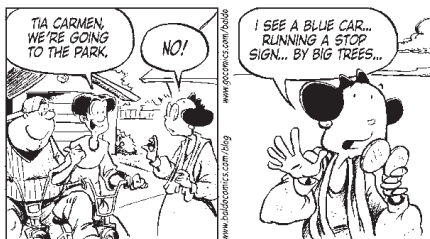
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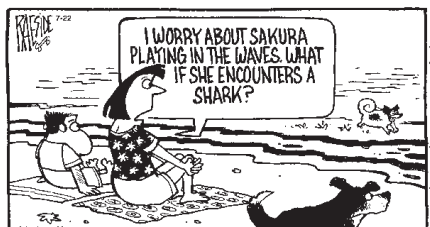
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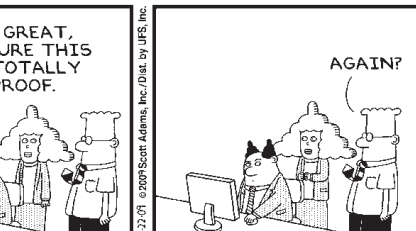
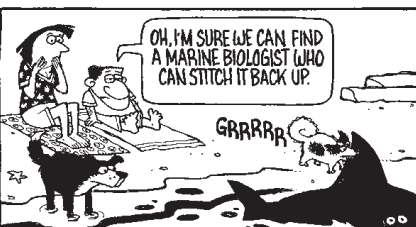
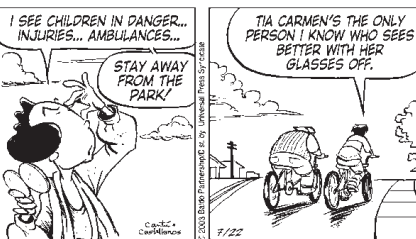
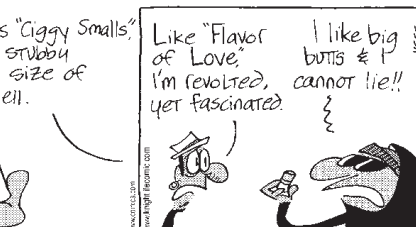
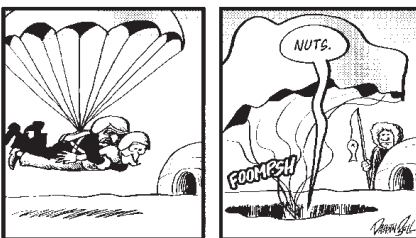
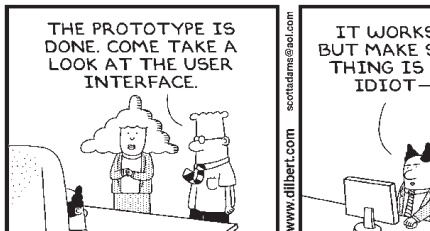
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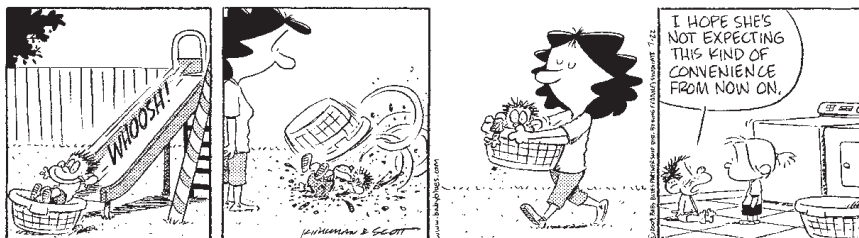
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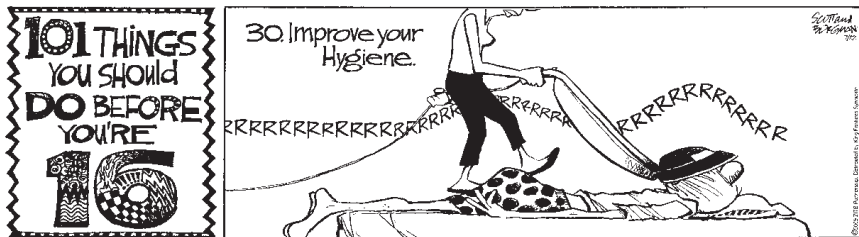
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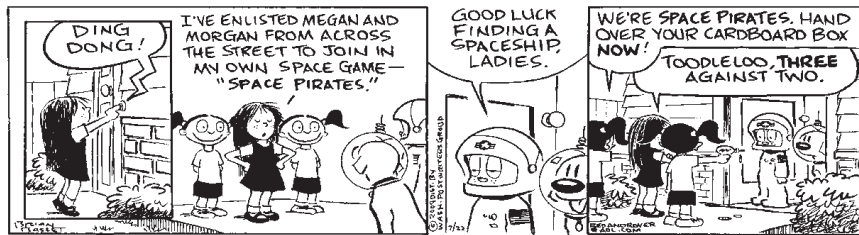
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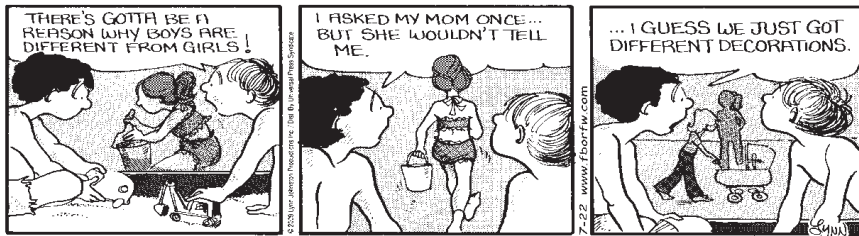
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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### ACROSS

- 1 "Twilight of the —"
- 5 Vanna's companion
- 8 Highlander
- 12 Cruising
- 13 Ipanema is there
- 14 Plankton component
- 15 It'll get you nowhere
- 17 Bailout acronym
- 18 Page numbers
- 19 Cheers up
- 21 Type squares
- 22 "I advise against it"
- 23 Work unit
- 26 Go up and down
- 28 Relinquish
- 31 Body powder
- 33 Zero
- 35 Algonquian language
- 36 Texas cook-off dish
- 38 Calendar abbr.
- 40 Evergreen type
- 41 Lean (toward)
- 43 Wrigley product
- 45 Gas rating number
- 47 Didn't sit on the bench
- 51 Declaration of Independence starter
- 52 Nervously excited

- 54 Dumbo's "wings"
- 55 The Da Vinci coat?
- 56 Otherwise
- 57 Eyelid woe
- 58 Conger, for one
- 59 Coaster

### DOWN

- 1 Big fishing hook
- 2 Norway's capital
- 3 Transaction
- 4 Composer Erik
- 5 Apply fake fingernails
- 6 Melody
- 7 Tinkered (with)
- 8 Evil
- 9 Making a commotion
- 10 Shrek is one
- 11 Eavesdroppers' equipment
- 16 "Who's buried in Grant's —?"
- 20 Myrna of Hollywood
- 23 List-ending abbr.
- 24 "Go, team!"
- 25 Tinsel-like
- 27 Auction action
- 29 Shelter
- 30 Morning moisture
- 32 Wash
- 34 Humorous hoax
- 37 Hostel
- 39 Zealous group
- 42 Crusoe's creator
- 44 Partners
- 45 Has bills
- 46 Converse
- 48 Holler
- 49 Gaelic
- 50 Turned blue?
- 53 Whopper

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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### CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE THE PAIR OF GENIES HAPPEN TO BE FEUDING, COULD YOU SAY THEY'RE BOTTLING IT OUT?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals I



# Friends don't want to 'swing by'

**Dear Abby:** Our friends "Andy" and "Corinne" live out of state in Michigan. We visit them about twice a year. Our visits are planned weeks in advance. The last three times, on Saturday night they hosted a "swingers party."

The first time it happened we thought it was a joke, until the guests — after "tossing back a few" — started picking partners.

We saw them begin to caress one another, then start going into other rooms and outside. One of the attendees came on to my wife.

We informed him we're not swingers.

His response? He told us it was OK to "watch" the first time or two.

Abby, we're not prudes, but we feel uncomfortable visiting these friends. We now return to our bedroom when the swingers arrive.

In contrast, when Andy and Corinne come to visit us in Tennessee, we have dinner, play cards and go to church on Sunday.

We have spoken to them about this. They tell us they "keep their relationship fresh" this way. We don't want to lose them as friends, but we don't know what to do. Can you help?

**Dear Abby**



— **Satisfied With Each Other**

**Dear Satisfied:** I'll try. Because you like Andy and Corinne every other day of the week when you visit them, schedule an outside activity — dinner and a movie, a play — anything that will get you out of their den of iniquity on Saturday night. Either that, or leave for home on Friday.

**Dear Abby:** After 13 years of marriage, my wife has stopped wearing her wedding rings. First she said her fingers had

shrunk and her rings kept falling off.

Then she claimed that the "gold club had bent them." Now she refuses to wear them out of spite because I told her the rings are a sign of commitment, and I feel she's "advertising" that she's not married.

Am I reading too much into this? In many ways she is still a dutiful wife, but this ring thing is becoming an issue. Any pearls of wisdom?

— **Feeling Insecure in Midway, Ga.**

**Dear Feeling Insecure:** Your problem isn't the "ring thing." It's that your wife is lying to you and acting out of spite. It is very important that you quickly get to the root of what's really bothering her because the rings are only a symptom of an underlying problem.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.ueexpress.com/dearabby>  
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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

PYKER

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ZIMEA

MENECT

NEW Jumble iPhone App go to: [www.btl.ly/15QkRq](http://www.btl.ly/15QkRq)

SYTTUR

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans: A

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: POKED LEAVE PYTHON UNLIKE

Answer: When the new prison guard went on duty, he was — "KEYED" UP

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek



WHAT THE COSMETOLOGY STUDENT FACED WHEN SHE MISSED THE EXAM.

Pearls Before Swine



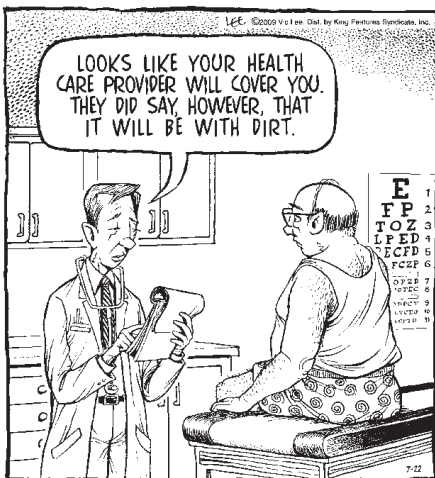
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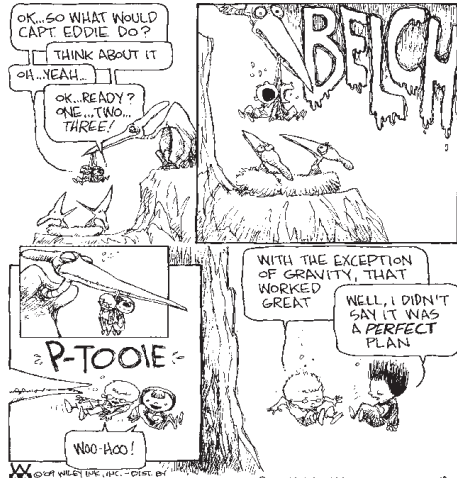
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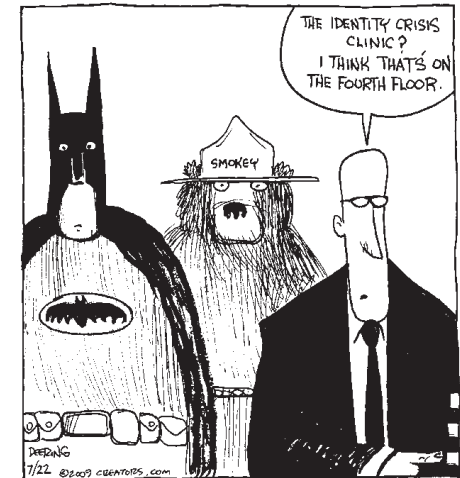
Pardon My Planet



Non Sequitur



Strange Brew



## AFRTS Television Schedule

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TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2009

	(AFN-ATLANTIC)	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-PACIFIC)	(PENTAGON)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(XTRA)
15:00	Sesame Street	The Brady Bunch	(2:45) Movie "Suspect" (1987, Suspense) Cher. A lobbyist on a jury helps a lawyer defend an innocent man.	The Rachel Maddow Show	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	Design Remix	SportsCenter	(2:00) Sports
15:30		The Brady Bunch				Battleground	Curb Appeal		
16:00	The View	Movie "Scooby-Doo! And the Legend of the Vampire" (2003) Frank Welker		Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	Today's Air Force	Survivorman	Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
16:30				Tavis Smiley		Recon			
17:00	Dr. Phil		Movie Mob	Nightly Business Report	Wheel of Fortune	Around the Services	King of the Hill		X Play
17:30		SpongeBob SquarePants	Maitlin's Secret's Out	Nightline	Jeopardy!	Downrange	That '70s Show		Punk'd
18:00	Judge Alex	Robot Boy	What It Takes	The O'Reilly Factor	World News-Gibson	Week-Pentagon	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
18:30	The King of Queens	Kim Possible	Entertainment Tonight		Around the Services	All Hands TV	The Colbert Report		Family Guy
19:00	Access Hollywood	The Fairly OddParents	Movie "The Butterfly Effect" (2004) Ashton Kutcher. A young man travels back in time to change the future.	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Heroes "An Invisible Thread"	Briefing Encore	Deal or No Deal		WWE Monday Night Raw
19:30	Judge Judy	6TEEN				Fit For Duty			
20:00	The Young and the Restless	Hannah Montana		Today	Everybody Hates Chris	Battleground	The Biggest Loser: Families		
20:30		True Jackson, VP			The Office	Recon Revisited			
21:00	General Hospital	Summerland "Life in the Fishbowl"	(:08) Movie "Breakin' All the Rules" (2004, Romance-Comedy) Jamie Foxx, Gabrielle Union.	Today	Bones "Mayhem on a Cross"	Around the Services	The Biggest Loser: Families		The Salt 'N' Pepa Show
21:30						Pacific Report			Snoop Father
22:00	Days of our Lives	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Spring Dance"		America's Newsroom	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Briefing Encore	Seinfeld "The Raincoats"	Sports	The Best Damn Sports Show Period
22:30						USARJ This Week	Friends		
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	7th Heaven "Truth or Dare"	(10:50) Movie "Hard Target" (1993) Lance Henriksen	Newsroom	The Grill Sergeants	Daily Show-Jon Stewart			Attack of the Show!
23:30					Late Show-Letterman	Downrange	The Colbert Report		

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2009

00:00	Wheel of Fortune	The Fairly OddParents	(10:50) MovieHard Target	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	This Week in the Pentagon	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(10:00) Sports	X Play
00:30	Jeopardy!	6TEEN	(:39) Movie "Fight Club" (1999, Suspense) Brad Pitt, Edward Norton, Helena Bonham Carter. Men vent their rage by beating each other in a secret arena.	Happening Now	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty	Battlestar Galactica "Faith"		Punk'd
1:00	Headline News	Hannah Montana			Judge Judy	Recon			The Simpsons
1:30	ATS/AFN Report	True Jackson, VP		Newsroom	CSI: NY "Rain"	Around the Services	Las Vegas "2 on 2" An evaluation for an award tests Piper.		Family Guy
2:00	Heroes "An Invisible Thread"	Summerland "Life in the Fishbowl"			Downrange	Today's Air Force	The Unit "Every Step You Take"	Sports	WWE Monday Night Raw
2:30					Recon Revisited	State Dept Briefing			
3:00	Everybody Hates Chris	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Spring Dance"	(:10) Movie "The Butterfly Effect" (2004, Suspense) Ashton Kutcher, Amy Smart, Eric Stoltz. A young man travels back in time to change the future.	MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	Battleground	Seinfeld "The Raincoats"		The Salt 'N' Pepa Show
3:30	The Office "Casual Friday"	7th Heaven "Truth or Dare"		Studio B With Shepard Smith	Dr. Phil	Around the Services	Friends	College Football Live	Snoop Dogg's Father Hood
4:00	Bones A band's prop turns out to be a real human skeleton.			The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Final Score	Army Newswatch	Kiana's Flex Appeal	NFL Live	The Best Damn Sports Show Period
4:30	Headline News	Teletubbies	(:18) Movie "Breakin' All the Rules" (2004, Romance-Comedy) Jamie Foxx, Gabrielle Union.	Glenn Beck	Good Morning America	This Week in the Pentagon	Denise Austin's Getting Fit	Jim Rome Is Burning	Attack of the Show!
5:00	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Sesame Street		Around the Services	Good Morning America	Around the Services	Take Home Chef	Around the Horn	
6:00	Late Show With David Letterman	Peep-Big World	Movie Mob	NBC Nightly News		Briefing Encore	Cooking-Sandra Lee	Pardon the Interruption	
7:00				World News-Gibson	The Grill Sergeants	FitTV's Diet Doctor	FitTV's Diet Doctor	SportsCenter	MTV Hits Playlist
7:30	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Curious George	Maitlin's Secret's Out	CBS Evening News	Sesame Street	The Morning Show With Mike & Juliet		Sports	Sports
8:00	Judge Judy	Dora the Explorer	What It Takes	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	The View	Around the Services	Mad About You		
8:30	CSI: NY "Rain"	Raggs	Movie "Identity Theft" (2004, Docudrama) Kimberly Williams-Paisley, Annabella Sciorra.	Hannity	Dr. Phil	Recon Revisited	Living Single		
9:00		Aladdin			Fit For Duty	State Dept Briefing	Guiding Light		
9:30	Oprah Winfrey	Bratz		Anderson Cooper 360	AFN Europe Report		E! News		Sports
10:00		Animaniacs	(:44) Movie "Nobody's Fool" (1994) Paul Newman, Jessica Tandy. A 60-year-old handyman revels in his irresponsibility.	Special Report With Bret Baier	Recon	Fit For Duty	The Daily 10		
10:30	Dr. Phil	Scooby-Doo, Where Are You!		Campbell Brown	The Young and the Restless	Battleground	Star Trek "The Ultimate Computer"		
11:00		Scooby-Doo, Where Are You!		Your World With Neil Cavuto	General Hospital	Around the Services	Roseanne "April Fool's Day"		
11:30	CBS Evening News	SpongeBob SquarePants	(:32) Movie "Hope Floats" (1998) Sandra Bullock, Harry Connick Jr. A newly divorced woman finds love in her hometown.	The Rachel Maddow Show	Days of our Lives	Briefing Encore	Girlfriends "Trial and Errors"	SportsCenter	Sports
12:00	ESPN	The Weekenders		Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	Recon	Emeril Live		
12:30	Prime News Tonight	WordGirl	(:42) Movie "A Streetcar Named Desire" (1951, Drama) Marlon Brando, Vivien Leigh, Kim Hunter. A neurotic Southern belle tries to preserve her gentility.	Around the Services	Jeopardy!	The American Veteran	Color Splash	Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
13:00	NBC Nightly News	Play With Me Sesame		Nightly Business Report	Wheel of Fortune	Recon Revisited	Andrew Young Presents: What's Wrong With Nigeria?		
13:30	World News-Gibson	Doodlebops		The O'Reilly Factor	Jeopardy!	Around the Services	King of the Hill		X Play
14:00	Sesame Street	The Brady Bunch	At the Movies	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	World News-Gibson	Fi. Hood on Track	That '70s Show (Part 1 of 3)		Punk'd Chingy; Jon Heder.
14:30		The Brady Bunch	Entertainment Studios.com	Today	Around the Services	Today's Air Force	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
15:00	The View	Movie "Jumanji" (1995, Fantasy) Robin Williams, Bonnie Hunt. A sinister board game puts its players in mortal jeopardy.	What It Takes	Today	America's Got Talent Auditions.	Briefing Encore	The Colbert Report		Family Guy
15:30	Dr. Phil	Robot Boy		America's Newsroom	Big Brother 11	Fit For Duty	One Tree Hill "Life Is Short"		UFC Unleashed
16:00	Judge Alex	Kim Possible	Entertainment Tonight	Newsroom	Pacific Report	Battleground	Ugly Betty "In the Stars"		Luke's Parental Advisory
16:30	The King of Queens	The Fairly OddParents	Movie "Coach Carter" (2005, Drama) Samuel L. Jackson. A high-school basketball coach pushes his team to excel.		The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Recon	Desperate Housewives "Me and My Town"	Sports	Baldwin Hills
17:00	Access Hollywood	Mucha Lucha				This Week in the Pentagon	Seinfeld (Part 2 of 2)		Making the Band 4
17:30	Judge Judy	Hannah Montana				Tour of Duty	Friends		The Best Damn Sports Show Period
18:00	The Young and the Restless	Sonny With a Chance	(:15) Movie "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" (2004, Comedy) Vince Vaughn, Christine Taylor, Ben Stiller.		Late Show-Letterman	Downrange	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		Attack of the Show!
18:30	General Hospital	American Dreams "The Pursuit of Happiness"					The Colbert Report		
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THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2009

00:00	Wheel of Fortune	The Fairly OddParents	(11:01) Movie "Memphis Belle" (1990) Matthew Modine.	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	Exchange on Air	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(10:00) Sports	X Play
00:30	Jeopardy!	Mucha Lucha		Happening Now	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty			Punk'd Chingy; Jon Heder.
1:00	Headline News	Hannah Montana	(12:48) Movie "Air Force One" (1997, Suspense) Harrison Ford, Gary Oldman. Terrorists hijack the president's plane.	Newsroom	Judge Judy	Today's Air Force	Any Day Now "Who Abandoned Who?"		The Simpsons
1:30	ATS/AFN Report	Sonny With a Chance			CSI: NY "Three Generations Are Enough"	Around the Services	Ghost Whisperer "Unhappy Medium"		Family Guy
2:00	America's Got Talent Auditions.	American Dreams "The Pursuit of Happiness"		MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	Downrange	Psych A weather forecaster dies in a woman's bed.	Sports	UFC Unleashed
2:30	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Mascara"	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Beach Blanket Brandon"	(2:59) Movie "Coach Carter" (2005, Drama) Samuel L. Jackson. A high-school basketball coach pushes his team to excel.	Studio B With Shepard Smith	Dr. Phil	This Week in the Pentagon	Seinfeld (Part 2 of 2)		Luke's Parental Advisory
3:00				The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Final Score	Battleground	Friends	College Football Live	Baldwin Hills
4:00	Big Brother 11	7th Heaven "Lead, Follow or Get Out of the Way"			Headline News	All Hands TV	Kiana's Flex Appeal	NFL Live	Making the Band 4
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Atsugi - 1996 Nissan Skyline 4Door non-turbo, 300 plate, JCI due 9/30/2010, insp due 7/31/2010, 100,557km \$15000obo. Call 0467637278 or 2647278.

Atsugi - 2002 Cadillac Seville SLS 4.6L (4,565 cc) Northstar V-8 engine, Leather, all Power, 6 disc CD changer, RSD \$7,500 obo 08058695453 lvan.

Atsugi - 96 Honda Odyssey, 67,000 km, runs great, cold AC, CD player, new tires and radiator in 2008. JCI thru April 2010, road tax paid, available July 22 - PCS'ing, \$1200, call 264-7631

Yokosuka - 1994 Toyota Estima Van-JCI & Base Insp. till 2011, mini fridge/foot box, ceiling mounted fold out color TV w/Remote, sun & moon roof, great A/C & heat, parking sensor, excellent condition. Must transfer by 7-31-09. Call 080-6684-4170 or 315-246-8655. \$2500 New.

Yokosuka - 1995 Cadillac Eldorado, Great shape, very well maintained! Fully optioned! 54,000 original miles! Best reasonable offer. Call Scott at 080-1373-2360.

Yokosuka - 1997 Nissan Bluebird. JCI good until Oct. 2010. RSD engine, 52K (3.3K Miles), brakes, struts replaced. \$1850 OBO. Contact Woody 090-4173-3973/243-6106.

Yokosuka - 94 Toyota Estima - JCI until Nov. 2009. Oil changed, realignment is done A/C works asking \$900 OBO. Please contact Anita 246-8834 / 090-4221-5918 or Geri 246-5938 / 080-3340-8214

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Yokosuka - 1995 Nissan Skyline GTSE25 4door, 70,000kms, new timing belt and gtr N1 water-pump, 5 speed conversion/ ORC twin plate clutch- Not too stiff. Comes with Nismo titanium catback exhaust and also a custom titanium catless exhaust for track purposes, DMAX carbon fiber hood, HID low beams 6000k legal, HKS evc3 boost controller (boost kept at 6.5 bar L7.5 H currently) FMIC, 1.5 way Isd, Factory ECU reflashed by TM Factory for an automatic, so works in auto or manual. Lots of other parts, pictures available if wanted. \$4500 obo. Serious offers only. Like to see this go to a good driver. Buyer may get some extra goodies thrown in for free that I didn't have time to install. Call Chuck at 090 3692 4470

Yokosuka, Japan - 1994 Honda Rafaga Sedan 4dr car up for sale is a dark blue automatic it has about 91,000 km, cold ac, pw, power lock, CD player, dual airbags, seats 5, abs, and comes with 2 extra tires. \$1000 OBO vehicle is located on Yokosuka base great reliable car with no problems. Good gas saver. JCI until sep. 09 asking \$1000 please call 0468-07-3743 or email snobwoyguy21@yahoo.com

Yokosuka - \$1000 buys a 1996 Toyota Ipsum. Awesome dual AC, Ipod ready with great stereo, seats 6, fabulous 'Vegas-like' interior that absorbs child droppings. JCI till next year. Call Tim at 09093664615 (Yokota). Available July 25th.

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Yokota, Japan - 1990 Mazda Miata Roadster (convertible) Runs and drives great. Nothing wrong mechanically, small tear in the back of the top, five speed and lots of fun. My daughter has left for college no longer needed. JCI until Oct. 09 asking \$1650 OBO Please call 210-547-9936 or email samuelengler@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 1991 Toyota Estima (4-Wheel Drive) The larger Toyota van. Ried with only 121K Km (75.2K Miles) Seats 7 comfortably, two middle bucket seats that turn all the way around or flatten out to load larger cargo. Smooth ride with solar sensors on all 4 corners of vehicle. Excellent tires. New Air Conditioner compressor 7 months ago. Cold air works great! Includes a cooler/fridge maker in center console for long trips. Sun Roof, JCI until Feb. 2010 Asking \$1000 OBO Call 1-763-354-3512 or email tom\_nana@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 1993 Nissan Cima runs great 18" Chrome Rims PCS'ing soon! JCI good until Aug 2010! Asking \$1000 Call Gainey88@msn.com

Yokota, Japan - 1993 Toyota Camry, color dark gray/blue; 4-door; good condition. Selling for a friend who is PCS'ing. JCI expires Feb. 2010 asking \$1000 obo please call Jim at 1-323-338-7588

## Autos for Sale 141

Yokota, Japan - 1992 Subaru Legacy Wagon, runs fine, JCI to Sept. 29th Best use as a temporary short term vehicle. runs fine, A/C, music, etc. seats 5, rear seat folds down. Why so cheap? Just had JCI inspection and will need \$400-\$800 of work to pass next JCI (on-base price, maybe half that off-base). Recycle tax already paid. Road tax paid. Can use for a temporary car, then junk. At junking, you can get back the remaining Road tax, which should be over \$100. Could fix up, but wouldn't recommend it, won't pass due to oil leaks, tires at minimum, etc. We are about to travel and want to take care of this in the next few days. If no response, we'll junk it ourselves shortly; just thought someone could use it for temporary transportation. Please email yokotajoe88@yahoo.com Thanks for viewing!

Yokota, Japan - 1995 Mazda Familia - \$600, silver/gray in 4 door, new tires, runs good, A/C works, just needs to be recharged. Road tax and recycling tax paid. JCI good till Aug 2010. Miles 67784-ann. Available July 28. Give deposit we will hold for you. Contact Jennifer 240-845-5319

Yokota, Japan - 1995' Nissan skyline turbo w/ JCI and road tax Only 1 previous owner before me (Japanese Owner), automatic, less than 70k miles. Black with gray interior, tires changed. Road Tax paid and covered until December 2010. Greddy Turbo Timer installed asking \$2500. Only serious buyers please. Please call frederick.roberts@yokota.af.mil or macmorro@rockstar.com for inquiries

Yokota, Japan - 1996 Honda Accord Wagon - Power Locks, brand new, Break pads/ Power Windows / Air Conditioner / Roll-Over Protection / Passenger Airbag / Power Steering / Alloy Wheels / Power Mirrors / ETC Card Reader - Pre-installed. Very roomy. Looks great. Drives great, everything runs. Great No accidents, JCI until Aug. 2011 asking \$3500 please call 090-1452-9348

Yokota, Japan - 1996 Honda odyssey-low km-JCI good until Feb. 2011 asking \$1600 please call 773-634-7782 or email usa.firefighters.wife@gmail.com

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Yokota, Japan - 1997 Honda Integra 84,700 km Air Conditioning Power Locks Power Windows JCI until April 2010 Asking \$2300 please call Jayson Hedrick 090-6116-7079 or email jaym72@msn.com

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Yokota, Japan - 1997 Honda Odyssey - Very reliable. Great for family trips around Japan, cool/hot drink box with ice maker, captain chairs - swivel for easy conversation, power windows/locks, sunroof, moon roof, A/C/heat front & rear, new tires (4 xs), sonar sensor, AM/FM cassette JCI until June 10 ASK \$2300 OBO Call now - 623-734-9625

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Yokota, Japan - 2000 US SPEC Subaru Impreza STI, it can "E" plate so you can ship it back to the states with no problem. This car is nicely modded and is in Beautiful shape. JCI until Sep. 2010 asking \$14500 OBO Please check out this site for pictures and Modification list http://www.carmainc.com/ride/3307436 If any questions please email me caree1907@yahoo.com or call 510-619-5651 Trades welcome.

Yokota, Japan - 2001 Subaru Legacy B4 5 speed manual transmission. Twin turbo all wheel drive. Black and Blue leather interior. 6 disc CD changer. Navigation system Aftermarket MOMO steering wheel HKS cold air intake HKS Super Sequential blow off valve HKS turbo timer. Cosco front strut bar Aftermarket exhaust. HD headlamps. Adjustable suspension LED instrument panel. Power everything. Interior in excellent condition Exterior in good condition Factory 17" bronze rims (almost no curb rash). New tires (about 2 months old) Keyless entry just changed the oil. Road tax paid. JCI until April 2011 asking \$4700 I still have most of the stock parts. All reasonable offers will be considered. You can also contact me at 080-4053-9239 or johnathan.mckee@yokota.af.mil

Yokota, Japan - For sale rav4 Toyota, \$1,500.00 1994 Toyota Rav4 2 DR Automatic Transmission Runs Great A/C and Heat AM/FM CD Player Rose Tax/JCI good until 2010 Rear seats folds away for groceries, Great on gas, Recent maintenance. New brake pads, new wiper blades, new tires, and brand new key cylinder, asking \$1500 if interested, call Jett on cell phone 080-3362-704 or 1-323-338-7570 to arrange viewing or test drive

Zama - 1998 Honda Odyssey van, JCI: 6 June 2011. Leather exterior, TV, navigational unit. Excellent cond. Available immediately. \$2,000.00 080-5688-0996/263-8976

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Yokota, Japan - 96 Acura Inspire 63k miles New JCI-price cut Clean and reliable car! New Fuses, 6 Disc CD changer, sun roof, Power Sunroof, Road Tax Paid, New JCI, 17inch alloy wheels, low profile tires, cold AC, bought from dealer off base, well kept, clean interior, clean title, power windows and locks, low miles, serviced on schedule. Good gas mileage. Ready to be driven around Japan Make me an offer! Call 305-520-0368 or email slwans7@msn.com

Yokota, Japan - 96' Acura Inspire 63K-JCI June 2011 immaculate car! Metallic Forest Green, New Tires, 6 Disc CD changer, 4 door, Power Sunroof, Road Tax Paid, New JCI, 17inch alloy wheels, low profile tires, COLD AC, originally bought from dealer off-base, well kept, clean interior, clean title, power windows and locks, low miles, serviced on schedule. Good gas mileage. JCI until June 2011. Asking \$2450 Ready to be driven around Japan Make me an offer! Call 305-520-0368.

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Yokota, Japan - Priced to sell 1994 Toyota Celica. This is a great 1st or 2nd car. It's in excellent condition. Brand new brakes and a full size spare tire. low mileage. 69km Automatic transmission Power windows Air condition. JCI until May 2011 asking \$1500 OBO Please call 090-2271-9082

Yokota, Japan - Toyota Mark II - Fixed Price & JCI Exp. Date Automatic Runs, Great CD Player, Air Purifier Built into Car, Fairly New Tires, Replaced Radiator 2 weeks ago old one had a small crack Large Gas Tank & Good on Gas, Easy To Drive and Park, Great A/C to keep you cool in this hot summer weather please feel to call me Any Time! I'm free on Saturdays and I get off of work at 1400 PM everyday I will be more than happy to let you test drive it sorry I messed up old add JCI until April 2010 asking \$1200 OBO Please call 080-3726-3269 or email aaronleewis@hotmail.com

## Motorcycles 164

Atsugi- 93 Harley Davidson Dyna wide glide 1340cc has big bore kit, drag, Pipes, Mikuni racing carb, forks have been raked out, custom paint, hard Controls asking \$9500 obo. Call 08058695453 Spicer.

Yokota - Harley Davidson 2006 Sportster, Custom XL1200C. Check it. Chromed 1200cc Evolution engine, glass black 1.5 gal tank, Le Para solo "Silhouette" seat (very sexy), Vance & Hines "Sidehoses" chrome half pipes (it's kinda loud), OEM security system, custom half-back riser. For extra pump... DynoJet "Thunderslide" modified carburetor and "Scream-n" Eagle High-Flow" modified air intake installed. Odometer: 2,500 miles, fresh tires, meticulously maintained, super fun to ride... awesome to cruise on! Trust me, this bike screams. Call me any time 080-6683-7306, let's talk. I'm at Yokota. Note: both original HD dual seat and factory pipes come with purchase.

Yokota, Japan - 1998 Suzuki TL1000R (Red) Flush mounted turn signals, "New rear tire and under tail". JCI until Nov. 09, asking \$4500 Call Mike for details: 080-5465-9444 macclat33@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 2000 Honda X-11 Nice motorcycle 1100 cc, new battery plenty of power. Need to sell JCI until Oct. 2010 asking \$3900 OBO Please call 210-547-9936 or email samuelengler@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Suzuki GSX-R 750 Bike has low miles (only 1000). Bunch of upgrades. Can be taken back to the state. Call 0805-0800-412 if interested. JCI until Jan. 2011 asking \$5500 Call 973-474-2603 or email s\_cenov@yahoo.com

## Motorcycles 164

Yokota, Japan - Honda CBR 600F4i - 2000cc, excellent Condition-Oil, Oil Filter, Air Filter, Spark Plugs all changed on 20 Jun 09 - Tires Pilot Power 2CT-1 New Tires on 2-Jun-09 - Custom Painted Black Swing arm/Tail Moriane Rear sets (chrome) - Stock passenger sets (chrome dipped) - Stock Clutch lever/Brake Lever (chrome dipped) - Yoshimura Exhaust - Chrome Wind Screen - Corbin Main Seat - Custom Graphics. JCI until Jan. 09 asking \$7000 Call 080-3739-9128 or email nota824682@yahoo.com

## Auto Parts 180

Yokota, Japan - 15" wheels looking for some - 15" wheels with a 5.5 lug pattern Thanks for looking Please email meangreenparts@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Stock Honda Rims Looking to buy stock Honda Rims that will fit 95 Accord. I believe the bolt pattern is 4x114.3. Willing to pay a reasonable price. Please email meangreenparts@yahoo.com

## Baby Items 200

Zama - New Play house: \$100, Eddie Bauer Baby Back pack: \$30, White Baby crib with bed: \$50, 080-5688-0996/263-8976

## Bicycles 220

Zama - Boys 26 inch bicycle. NEXT Power Climber 18 wide knobby tire street bike. Needs new inner tubes other wise like brand new condition, \$50. Two Symphonic color televisions 27" for \$75 and 19" for \$50. Email ed\_major@hotmail.com.

## Clothing 320

Yokota, Japan - Huge bag w/ older boy clothes & shoes my son just filled a huge bag w/ clothes & shoes. Clothes are mainly sizes 12/14 & a few 14/16 (S, M, L, and XL). There are a few pairs of Jeans that are brand new. There are Nike Sets, P.J.s, shirts, shorts, and more. The shoes are Youth size 6-There are Nikes, Vans, and more (these shoes are for a boy), however, my daughter also wore some of them. This whole bag is priced to sell now: \$25 for ALL (I also have an ad for brand new. There are Nike Sets, bags of girl clothes & woman's clothes). Please call if you have any questions. We have to downsize now! Please Call 916-473-4488

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## Clothing 320

Yokota, Japan - Large shirts I have 5 shirts that I ordered from Pac sun. I ordered the wrong size. There is 1 billabong, 1 famous Stars and Straps, 1 Hurley, and 2 Zoo York. They have never been worn and still have the tags on them. Asking \$15 each you can call me at home 858-368-6861 or my cell 080-4053-9239. Thanks.

## Computers 360

Yokosuka, Japan - Apple cinema display 24" monitor - Brand new original sealed with all accessories complete also comes with 12months international warranty. Email: bryanmolina55@yahoo.com Call: +447024077572

Yokota, Japan - 13" apple mac book cover must sell- absolutely nothing wrong w/ it- my son just changed the color & no longer needs this one. Very simple to keep clean- great way to protect your 13" mac book from scratches, etc, while adding color. This is a 13" mac book hard shell see thru cover- red in color- by speck. We paid \$50 for this. My son is only asking \$10. Please call 916-473-4488

Yokota, Japan - Brand New -HP Slim line S3750T "Mini-Desktop" PC Complete Home Entertainment PC in a Small Footprint "Still Factory Sealed - Dimensions (13.89"(L) x 4.21"(W) x 10.87"(H) or 105 x 340 x 275 mm", Intel Core 2 Duo Processor (E7400-2.8GHz), 4 GB DDR2-800 MHz SDRAM (2 DIMMs), 256MB NVIDIA GeForce 9300, "Dual" TV Tuner" 640GB 7200RPM SATA 3GB/S Hard Drive, "BLU-RAY WRITER & Light Scribe Super Multi-DVD Drive, Wireless G LAN Card, 15-in-1 Memory Card Reader, POCKET MEDIA BAY, 2 USB, Head Phone Port, Integrated 5.1 Channel out with Front Audio Ports, HP Keyboard & HP Optical Mouse, Genuine Microsoft Windows VISTA Home Premium 64-Bit Operating System, Microsoft Works 9.0. Asking \$850 OBO Please call 225-9454 or email russell.zimmer@yokota.af.mil

Yokota, Japan - Japan GPS JR Road Portable Navigation System Windows powered, English GPS Navigation System for use in Japan. Searches by Address, Station, Markin Points, Points of Interest, Phone Number, & Map Code (English, Japanese, Chinese Capability) 4" LCD Screen with touch panel & speaker Paid \$500 asking \$450 Please call 210-547-9918 or email thepamperedstamp4u@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Sony Vaio Desk Top 1 year old Desk top. Wireless Modem built into screen. Comes with brand new keyboard and mouse 22inch screen with built in web cam. Processor: Genuine Intel CPU T2080 @ 1.76GHz 2 1.76GHz Memory: 3.00 GB RAM System type: 32-bit Operating System Asking \$1000 Please call Cynthia 1-773-634-7758 or email cmrln28@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - The Sims 2 I have the Sims 2 and 9 expansions packs. I don't play anymore. Asking \$10 each Call 858-368-6861 or email j19dm@yahoo.com

## Furniture 510

Yokota, Japan - 4 drawer cherry dresser perfect for a little extra space in great shape. A few small nicks, but looks great. Asking \$75 Call Jill Piparo 407-373-1382

Yokota, Japan - Desk for Sale Just PCS'd in and got my TMO so my desk is apart. Asking \$50 email unevo1vd8@live.com home or call 646-3810-0111 cell phone: 080-3414-6251

Yokota, Japan - Leather sectional couch must go! Leather Couch needs to go before move. Asking price is flexible as long as you can transport it out of tower unit. Each piece can fit in the back of an empty van. Three pieces, great quality. Asking \$150 OBO Call 323-786-7989 or email acerainey@yahoo.com for more information

Yokota, Japan - Sofa and love seat warning: You could become very lazy. Clean and in good shape. I'm going on another PCS'ing soon, so decided to try and sell them before I leave. If not, I'll put in storage. 080-3720-0665 ask for F. Call 080-3720-0665 or email ftwampner@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Toddler Bed Very new, hardly used white toddler bed with mattress. Can deliver anywhere in Yokota. Asking \$60 Please call 090-9837-0640 or email m\_bartlam@yahoo.com

## Furniture/Appliances 511

Yokota, Japan - 2 practically new Gibson Air conditioners only used for a few days. Bought from Bxtra for \$88.00 asking \$65 OBO, selling because they are no longer needed willing to deliver free! Thanks a lot. Please call 616-473-4539 or email theunstated@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Honeywell Quiet Care 17000 Air Cleaner this is for the unit only. It needs the refill filter \$49.95 sold at the BX and carbon filter. Asking 20 OBO Call (323)338-7553 or email mdfisherman@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Kenmore Freezer Due to PCS'ing, I am selling our chest freezer. This is great for a family. Works great. We use it every day. Asking \$75 OBO email or call Jane at 225-7522

Yokota - Kenmore Washer and Dryer for \$325! PCS'ing back to the states? Buy a washer and dryer here and have TMO ship it for you. Both are in awesome shape. I did short tour before here and I forgot I had them in my HHGs. My apartment has a Japanese Washer/Dryer already installed. Call me at 090-4227-5269 or email me at brandon.chamberlain@yokota.af.mil

## Household Items 560

Yokota, Japan - Toy box 3 1/2" by 3" plastic toy chest. Tan with blue top (removable) \$30. Also I have PS1 Wii games and stuff I have a good old fashion PS1 with a lot of kind as games controllers n such. Asking \$100 Please email Ben meangreenparts@yahoo.com

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## Household Items 560

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Yokota, Japan - Lots of different kitchen items-must go now brand new-Blue color-hard plastic SET OF 6 plates, 6 hand cups, 6-forks, 6-spoons, 6-knives. Pour-All Pitcher, 4-cups-\$15 brand new-Le Crest Enameled Stoneware Lasagna sized Baking Pan- bed, bath, & beyond bought on Kwiki color Paid \$65. Asking \$25 OBO set includes: Large Fruit/Salad Spinner, Soft Handled set of 7 measuring cups w/ egg yolk separate, set of 6 measuring spoons all matching. Paid over \$45. Asking \$12.50 Tupperware Beverage Dispensers w/ Spout in front-\$8.50 each (HAVE 2) Small Storage Container-\$2.50 Please call 916-473-4488

Yokota, Japan - Really nice full/Queen bedding set must sell now! No reasonable offer refused. This set is really nice, no bold/wild prints or anything. It has soft, natural, neutral colors (browns, light browns, accent light blue). Can match just about any decor I took everything to the cleaners!! Everything you need for bedding set, & plenty of extras. I paid about \$600 for this set. I was hoping to get \$160 (willing to accept payments if need be), or best offer. It's all sitting here, in org. bags, ready to go. Please call if you'd like to see it all in person. There is a lot! So sorry, I do not have pictures as everything is in the bags now, ready to go. This really is a nice set. Must go now please call 916-473-4488

## Household Items 560

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## Home Electronics 570

Yokota, Japan - 37" LCD TV & Bose System Package First off this is a great deal, were selling for about half off of what we paid. 37" RCA LCD TV SRS, sound Great condition about a year old. We bought in the states for \$800 Bose 2 speaker & Subwoofer Bought at the BX for \$500. 720-257-6786 or skip592@hotmail.com \$700 OBO for both or \$350 a piece

Yokota, Japan - 37" RCA LCD TV w/ HDMI Input updated were looking to get maybe a 42 or 47 inch TV. I think we've had this one for a little over a year. Nothing wrong with it, the TV's been great for us just looking to get something bigger I don't have the model number right now, but if you email me I'll get it. Please send emails to skip592@hotmail.com we'll sell to the highest bid we receive. Right now the offer is at \$280

Yokota, Japan - Nintendo Wii, NIB Signed by Jared - The Subway Guy Nintendo Wii, brand new in box. Box autographed by Jared Fogel (aka "The Subway Guy"). Items in box have been inventoried. Comes with Wii Sports \$225 OBO Also for sale! Nintendo Wii Fit - New in Box \$75 will sell both together for \$290 you can also call 229-375-5570

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Yokota, Japan - Play station 2. It comes with everything and it works great. Asking \$50 if you are interested in buying it, please give me a call 080-3730-8811 Ask for Star or email hewianavywife80@gmail.com

## Home Electronics 570

Zama - Two Symphonic color televisions 27" for \$75 and 19" for \$50. Email ed\_major@hotmail.com.

## Jewelry 610

Yokota, Japan - Sterling - Twisted Sterling Silver bracelet and earrings with sky blue Cats Eye beads. Bracelet is designed with Sterling memory threads so it contours to the shape of your wrist. Originally bought for \$49.99 but I outgrew the dress I use to wear it with. Asking \$25 Please call Sarah 903-386-0550

## Outdoor Living 775

Yokota, Japan - Fence for Sale - Must Sell! 2-yr-old cedar fence -55 linear feet including Tori Gate excellent condition! Asking \$300 Contact me at e a c d @ m a c . c o m or 080-3961-9777 or 1-407-373-1352

## Outdoor Living 775

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### Mobile Canteen Operator (Camp Casey)

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The Mobile Canteen Operator will travel within Korea to provide USO services to soldiers in the field and military installations. This is a non-exempt, full-time position. Must possess a positive attitude, be able to drive and maintain vehicle, handle daily finances, and provide food services to soldiers.

**Duties and key responsibilities** will include, but not limited to, planning, coordinating and executing the USO programs and events utilizing the Mobile Canteen throughout Korea in a field and installation environment, maintenance of calendar for Mobile Canteen visits to installations throughout Korea; provide entertainment, food services and recreation duties for soldiers, maintain control of daily petty cash, monthly report preparation, proper and timely maintenance service for the vehicle and its electronic equipment, perform routine and general maintenance on all vehicles assigned to Camp Casey USO, and provide support, including transportation services for all areas of Camp Casey USO as requested.

#### Job Requirements:

- Knowledge of the military community, its units, agencies and organization
- Computer software knowledge
- Understanding of basic retail financial concepts
- Some knowledge of food service operations
- General vehicle maintenance requirements and procedures
- Experience in events and program management or similar functions
- Experience driving a 5-ton vehicle
- Must possess or be eligible to obtain a GOV driver's license to include 5-Ton vehicle certification within 30 days of employment
- Maintain a positive attitude and ability to provide excellent customer service
- Ability to drive throughout Korea

Work will be driven by the delivery and scheduling of events and any unscheduled activities as they arise. Direction will come from the Camp Casey USO Center Manager.

Applications will be accepted from applicants within the local commuting area; travel and relocation assistance not available. US Citizenship required.

The USO offers an excellent compensation package. Please apply online at [www.uso.org](http://www.uso.org) under the "Careers" tab.

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Please note: applications for this position will be accepted only from job seekers who are currently within a commutable distance to the job location. Job seekers outside of the immediate area will not be considered for this posting.

The USO, a mission-driven organization is actively recruiting for a full-time Programs Coordinator for Yokosuka Navy Base, Japan? The Programs Coordinator assists in delivering planned programs, events and activities throughout Japan.

**Duties and key responsibilities** will include, but are not limited to assisting in Programs and special events for USO Japan, Coordinating outreach programs and events to include the USO Mobile Canteen and recruiting volunteers, Assisting Program Manager in coordinating advertising and promotional materials, and disseminating information on USO events. Duties include developing multi-media promotional material through flyers, brochures and posters, and Microsoft PowerPoint presentations, Coordination of all necessary functions and logistics required to ensure that USO Programs and special events are conducted efficiently and effectively, Deliver assigned program within budget, Maintain accurate financial report reflecting all income and expenses for every program delivered, Assisting in the organization and promotion of events for the Programs Manager; Programs & Marketing Director, USO Japan; Director of Operations, USO Pacific; and Center Managers, USO Japan.

#### Job Requirements:

- HS degree required, with some college preferred
- 2 to 4 years work related experience
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- Working knowledge of basic financial concepts
- Proficiency with computers and Microsoft Office Suite tools
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- Must have clean driving record

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STARS AND STRIPES

## Tour de France

# Armstrong: I wasn't on par with Contador

## Seven-time winner 'happy to be domestique' to leader

By SAMUEL PETREQUIN  
The Associated Press

VERBIER, Switzerland — When Alberto Contador launched his bold attack, it was reminiscent of Lance Armstrong's golden years.

The fast pedaling was the same, the determination was the same — but it was a different rider on the saddle: his teammate Alberto Contador, already one of the sport's greatest at the age of 26.

The Spaniard crushed all other Tour contenders on Sunday's first Alpine stage from Pontarlier, France, to the Swiss ski resort of Verbier, claiming the leader's yellow jersey he wanted more than anything else.

As he already did last week in the Pyrenees, the 2007 Tour winner showed he has no rival in the mountains — and took a serious step toward a second victory in cycling's showcase event.

"Lance Armstrong was my idol, but dropping him today wasn't important — he was just like any other rider ... It's an honor for me to have him working for me," Contador said.

During his seven-year reign from 1999 and 2005, Armstrong always used hilltop finishes to stamp his domination. This time the Texan was unable to follow the insane pace imposed by Contador, whose legs are 11 years fresher than Armstrong's.

"As far as I'm concerned, I'm happy to be his domestique," a fatalistic Armstrong said. "I'm proud of him."

Last week in the Pyrenees, Armstrong criticized Contador following an attack which allowed the Spaniard to leapfrog him. The Texan then accused his Astana teammate of riding against team strategy — and even hinted he could have followed Contador if he had really wanted to.

It was a different story after the final, 5.5-mile ascent to Verbier, where Armstrong fully understood that he couldn't compete. The cancer survivor, back on the Tour four years after his last victory, accepted his chance of victory is minimal.

"Yeah, it will be hard," Armstrong said. "A day like this really shows who's the best, and I wasn't on par with what's required to win the Tour. So for me, that's the reality, that's not devastating news or anything."

Armstrong moved up to second place in the standings after the 15th stage, but lost precious time to Contador, who took control of the race as he ended Rinaldo Nocentini's eight-day run in the overall lead. Armstrong trails



BAS CZERWINSKI/AP

**New overall leader Alberto Contador, right, followed by American seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong, left, climbs towards Verbier during the 15th stage Sunday.**

by 1 minute, 37 seconds.

"I think being out for four years, and being one of the older guys out here, there might be people out there that expect me to ride like I did in 2004, 2005 — that's not reality," Armstrong said. "If I do another year, and I get a season under my belt, maybe we get that race condition back."

"But right now, I don't have it," he added.

Armstrong has previously said he may launch his own team next season, while Contador is likely to quit Astana for another squad.

Contador seems so strong that only an accident could deprive him of victory.

"From now on, the most difficult thing will be to control the race," Contador said. "A lot of riders will try to take advantage of every opportunity to attack. We will have to respond."

Contador said Sunday's result left no doubt about who should be considered the Astana team leader.

"The differences now are pretty big, and the team's bet should now be me, no?" Contador said. "I'm sure my teammates are going to

put in great work to back me up just like they did today."

Armstrong promised to put his own goals on the back burner for the good of his team, which has three riders in the top 5 — Contador, Armstrong and fourth-place Andreas Kloeckner.

"Now it's clear that we have the strongest rider in the race. This is a team sport, so you can't — none of us, Andreas or myself — can think about ourselves," the Texan said. "Overall, if we play it really, really smart, we can have three guys in the top five and the guy who wins. That's a special opportunity, but you know, I think now is the time for me to put my chances aside, and focus on the team."

Riders get a rest day on Monday before the next two Alpine stages, an individual time trial in Annecy on Thursday, and a ride up the feared Mont Ventoux on Saturday before the race ends in Paris on July 26.

"There's three more days that could shake things up. But that's not at the front of my mind right now," Armstrong said.



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**Alberto Contador, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, reacts on the podium after the 15th stage of the Tour de France in Verbier, Switzerland on Sunday. Lance Armstrong is second.**

### Scoreboard

#### Tour de France

##### Sunday

**At Verbier, Switzerland**  
**128.9-mile high-mountain stage in the Alps from Pontarlier, France to Verbier**

1. Alberto Contador, Spain, Astana, 5 hours, 3 minutes, 58 seconds
2. Andy Schleck, Luxembourg, Team Saxo Bank, 43 seconds behind
3. Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Liquigas, 1:03
4. Frank Schleck, Luxembourg, Team Saxo Bank, 1:06
5. Bradley Wiggins, Britain, Garmin-Slipstream, same time
6. Carlos Sastre, Spain, Cervelo Test Team, same time
7. Cadel Evans, Australia, Silence-Lotto, 1:26
8. Andreas Kloeckner, Germany, Astana, 1:29
9. Lance Armstrong, United States, Astana, 1:35
10. Kim Kirchen, Luxembourg, Team Columbia-High Road, 1:55

##### Overall Standings

##### (After 15 stages)

1. Alberto Contador, Spain, Astana, 63:17:56
2. Lance Armstrong, United States, Astana, 1:37
3. Bradley Wiggins, Britain, Garmin-Slipstream, 1:46
4. Andreas Kloeckner, Germany, Astana, 2:17
5. Andy Schleck, Luxembourg, Team Saxo Bank, 2:26
6. Rinaldo Nocentini, Italy, AG2R-La Mondiale, 2:30
7. Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Liquigas, 2:51
8. Tony Martin, Germany, Team Columbia-High Road, 3:07
9. Christophe Le Mevel, France, Française des Jeux, 3:09
10. Frank Schleck, Luxembourg, Team Saxo Bank, 3:25

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**AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.**—MLB: Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia.  
**AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.**—MLB: Tampa Bay at Chicago White Sox.  
**AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.**—MLB: Minnesota at Oakland (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.**—Cycling: Tour de France, Stage 16, Martigny-Bourg Saint Maurice (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.**—MLB: Seattle at Detroit (dld).

## Thursday

**AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.**—MLB: Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees.  
**AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.**—MLB: Seattle at Detroit.  
**AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.**—MLB: Boston at Texas.  
**AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.**—MLB: Cincinnati at L.A. Dodgers.  
**AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.**—Cycling: Tour de France, Stage 17, Bourg Saint Maurice-La Grand Bornand (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.**—MLB: L.A. Angels at Kansas City (dld).

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New York	5	8	.385	5½

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San Antonio	6	8	.429	5
Los Angeles	4	8	.333	6
Sacramento	3	13	.188	9

## Saturday's games

Washington 68, New York 67  
 Phoenix 97, Detroit 90, OT  
**Sunday's games**  
 Connecticut 67, Indiana 61  
 New York 89, Atlanta 86  
 Chicago 85, San Antonio 75  
 Seattle 72, Minnesota 69  
 Detroit 69, Sacramento 65  
**Monday's games**  
 No games scheduled  
**Tuesday's game**  
 Indiana at Washington

## Deals

## Sunday's transactions

## BASEBALL

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
**LOS ANGELES ANGELS**—Recalled RHP Sean O'Sullivan from Salt Lake (PCL). Optioned C Bobby Wilson to Salt Lake.  
**MINNESOTA TWINS**—Agreed to terms with 2B Mark Grudzielanek on a minor league contract.  
**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
**CHICAGO CUBS**—Recalled RHP Kevin Hart from Peoria (MWL). Optioned OF Sam Fuld to Iowa (PCL).  
**MILWAUKEE BREWERS**—Traded OF Cole Gillespie and RHP Raulo Merced to Arizona for INF Felipe Lopez.  
**SAN DIEGO PADRES**—Traded RHP Cla Meredith to Baltimore for INF Oscar Salazar.

**WASHINGTON NATIONALS**—Placed LHP Scott Olsen on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July 11. Designated RHP Julian Tavarez for assignment. Purchased the contracts of RHP J.D. Martin and RHP Logan Kensing from Syracuse (IL).  
**NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**CLEVELAND CAVALIERS**—Signed F Jamario Moon to an offer sheet.  
**MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES**—Signed C Hasheem Thabeet.

## COLLEGE

**SOUTH ALABAMA**—Named Joel Erdmann athletic director.

## AP spotlight

**July 22**  
**1963** — Sonny Liston knocks out Floyd Patterson in 2 minutes, 10 seconds of the first round to retain the world heavyweight title. Liston took the title from Patterson with a first-round knockout in Chicago on Sept. 25, 1962.  
**1973** — Sue Berrington wins the U.S. Women's Open golf championship for the third time with a five-stroke victory over Gloria Ahert.  
**1984** — Kathy Whitworth becomes the winningest professional golfer with a victory in the Rochester Open. Whitworth's 85 career titles surpass Sam Snead's total of 84 PGA tournament victories.  
**1984** — Seve Ballesteros wins the British Open with a four-round 276 that breaks the course record set by Ken Nagle in 1960 by two strokes. Tom Watson and Bernhard Langer finish two strokes behind.

## Golf

## U.S. Bank Championship

## PGA TOUR

## At Brown Deere Park GC

## Milwaukee

## Purse: \$4 million

## Yardage: 6,759; Par: 70

## Final

## x-won on second playoff hole

x-B. Van Pelt, \$720,000	67-68-68-64=267	-13
J. Mallingier, \$432,000	70-66-66-65=267	-13
Jerry Kelly, \$272,000	69-68-66-65=268	-12
Dicky Pride, \$165,333	72-69-63-65=269	-11
Jeff Quinney, \$165,333	67-68-67-67=269	-11
Jeff Klauk, \$165,333	64-69-69-67=269	-11
Tim Petrovic, \$104,250	68-70-69-63=270	-10
S. Levin, \$104,250	71-68-68-63=270	-10
Jason Gore, \$104,250	66-70-68-66=270	-10
Chris Blanks, \$104,250	70-63-70-67=270	-10
Kevin Na, \$104,250	69-65-69-67=270	-10
Omar Uresti, \$104,250	69-67-67-67=270	-10
B. de Jonge, \$104,250	70-66-66-68=270	-10
Chris Riley, \$104,250	67-68-68-69=270	-10
T. Pernice Jr., \$68,000	70-68-67-66=271	-9
F. Lickert, \$68,000	69-71-69-67=271	-9
Greg Chalmers, \$68,000	64-67-69-71=271	-9
Corey Pavin, \$50,400	73-67-67-65=272	-8
Skip Kendall, \$50,400	66-70-70-66=272	-8
H. Frazar, \$50,400	70-66-69-67=272	-8
Jeff Sluman, \$50,400	69-66-68-69=272	-8
Steve Flesch, \$50,400	68-65-69-69=272	-8
G. McNeill, \$50,400	69-71-69-69=272	-8
Scott Hoch, \$31,657	70-67-70-66=273	-7
P. McLachlin, \$31,657	70-68-69-66=273	-7
Steve Lowery, \$31,657	70-68-69-66=273	-7
Loren Roberts, \$31,657	69-68-69-67=273	-7
Michael Letzig, \$31,657	67-67-69-69=273	-7
Joe Ogilvy, \$31,657	67-71-66-69=273	-7
Jeff Maggert, \$31,657	68-67-66-72=273	-7
Nick O'Hern, \$23,720	69-71-68-66=274	-6
Mark Wilson, \$23,720	68-70-67-67=274	-6
Tag Ridings, \$23,720	66-70-70-68=274	-6
Joe Durant, \$23,720	67-70-68-69=274	-6
J. Wagner, \$23,720	68-69-67-70=274	-6
G. McNeill, \$18,433	69-70-71-65=275	-5
C. Beckman, \$18,433	72-69-67-67=275	-5
Brett Quigley, \$18,433	68-72-67-68=275	-5
Bob Tway, \$18,433	73-64-69-69=275	-5
Kirk Triplett, \$18,433	70-70-68-70=275	-5
Glen Day, \$18,433	71-67-67-70=275	-5
Kevin Stadler, \$14,400	69-69-73-65=276	-4
G. McNeill, \$14,400	69-71-68-68=276	-4
B. Davis (14), \$14,400	73-68-66-69=276	-4
Chris Stroud, \$14,400	71-67-68-70=276	-4
N. Thompson, \$11,340	70-71-70-66=277	-3
Scott Sterling, \$11,340	69-71-68-69=277	-3
Mark Hensby, \$11,340	67-72-68-70=277	-3
S. Elkington, \$11,340	69-69-67-72=278	-2
Mark Brooks, \$9,396	71-70-70-67=278	-2
Jay Williamson, \$9,396	68-71-70-69=278	-2
Tim Herron, \$9,396	70-69-69-70=278	-2
Brad Faxon, \$9,396	70-70-67-71=278	-2
Stephen Leaney, \$9,396	67-69-70-72=278	-2
Lee Janzen, \$9,396	70-68-68-72=278	-2
Marc Turnesa, \$9,396	69-65-71-73=278	-2
M. Gronberg, \$9,396	72-68-66-72=278	-2
Matt Jones, \$9,396	71-68-66-73=278	-2
K. Streelman, \$8,680	71-67-73-68=279	-1
Jesper Parnevik, \$8,680	73-68-69-69=279	-1
David Peoples, \$8,680	71-70-69-73=279	-1
Ronnie Black, \$8,680	71-70-69-73=279	-1
Garrett Willis, \$8,680	72-69-67-71=279	-1
Tommy Gainey, \$8,680	67-68-71-73=279	-1
Bill Haas, \$8,320	70-67-73-69=280	E
Jonathan Kaye, \$8,320	70-67-73-69=280	E
Kyle Stanley, \$8,320	71-66-71-72=280	E
Colt Knost, \$8,080	68-71-72-70=281	+1
Jon Rollins, \$8,080	71-69-72-70=281	+1
Guy Boros, \$8,080	70-69-72-70=281	+1
Heath Slocum, \$7,920	71-70-70-71=282	+2
Aron Price, \$7,840	70-70-71-72=283	+3

## PGA Tour statistics

## Through July 19

## Scoring Average

69.33	5. David Toms, 69.38	4. Jim Furyk, 69.41	3. Brian Gay, 69.57	6. Tim Clark, 69.60	7. (tie), Luke Donald and Hunter Mahan, 69.61	9. Kenny Perry, 69.62	10. Sean O'Hair, 69.64		
<b>Driving Distance</b>									
1. Bubba Watson, 71.11	2. Robert Garrigus, 70.92	3. (tie), Dustin Johnson and Gary Woodland, 70.73	5. Nick Watney, 70.30	6. Charley Hoffman, 70.18	7. (tie), Bill Haas and Scott Piercy, 70.13	9. Tag Ridings, 70.01	10. 2 tied with 300.8		
<b>Driving Accuracy Percentage</b>									
1. David Toms, 75.90	2. Joe Durant, 73.95	3. Scott McCarron, 73.66	4. Scott Verplank, 73.18	5. Mark Brooks, 72.89	6. Tim Clark, 72.75	7. Brian Gay, 72.59	8. Bart Bryant, 71.90	9. Jason Bohn, 71.30	10. Zach Johnson, 71.27

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## Soccer

## CONCACAF Gold Cup

## QUARTERFINALS

## Saturday, July 18

## At Philadelphia

Honduras 1, Canada 0  
 United States 2, Panama 1, OT  
**Sunday, July 19**  
**At Arlington, Texas**  
 Costa Rica 5, Guadeloupe 1  
 Mexico 4, Haiti 0  
**SEMIFINALS**  
**Thursday, July 23**  
**At Chicago**  
 Honduras vs. United States  
 Costa Rica vs. Mexico  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Sunday, July 26**  
**At East Rutherford, N.J.**  
 Semifinals winners

## MLS

## Eastern Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	7	3	7	28	25	20
D.C.	6	3	9	27	29	26
Columbus	7	3	9	27	25	22
Toronto FC	7	6	5	26	25	27
Kansas City	5	6	5	20	19	18
New England	5	5	20	17	21	21
New York	2	14	4	10	16	33

## Western Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Houston	9	4	5	32	23	13
Seattle	7	3	7	28	26	16
Chivas USA	8	6	3	27	19	15
Los Angeles	6	3	9	27	22	19
Colorado	6	5	6	24	24	23
Real Salt Lake	5	7	5	20	24	21
FC Dallas	4	8	5	17	20	26
San Jose	3	10	4	13	19	33

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

## Thursday's game

Los Angeles 3, New York 1  
**Saturday's games**  
 Toronto FC 1, Houston 1, tie  
 Columbus 3, Real Salt Lake 1  
 D.C. United 3, Colorado 1  
 Chicago 2, San Jose 0

## Sunday's game

New England 2, Chivas USA 0  
**Friday, July 24**  
**FC Dallas at Real Salt Lake**  
**Saturday, July 25**  
 Chicago at Seattle FC  
 Toronto FC at Columbus  
 New England at Houston  
 Los Angeles at Kansas City  
 New York at Colorado  
 D.C. United at San Jose

## WPS

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	11	2	4	37	24	6
Boston	7	6	3	24	17	16
Saint Louis	7	6	2	23	13	13
Sky Blue FC	6	6	4	22	16	16
Washington	5	6	5	20	23	22
Chicago	4	6	5	17	19	19
FC Gold Pride	3	9	3	12	12	22

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

## Wednesday's games

Boston 1, Chicago 0  
 Sky Blue FC 4, Washington 4, tie

## Saturday's game

Washington 1, Saint Louis 0  
**Sunday's games**  
 Sky Blue FC 1, Chicago 0  
 Boston 1, FC Gold Pride 0

## Wednesday, July 22

Sky Blue FC at Saint Louis, 8 p.m.  
**Thursday, July 23**  
 Los Angeles at FC Gold Pride  
**Saturday, July 25**  
 Sky Blue FC at Boston  
**Sunday, July 26**  
 Washington at Chicago  
 FC Gold Pride at Saint Louis

## Pro football

## NFL calendar

**July 22** — Signing period ends at 4 p.m. EDT for unrestricted free agents who received June 1 tender.  
**Aug. 9** — Pro Football Hall of Fame Game, Canton, Ohio.  
**Aug. 13-17** — First preseason weekend.  
**Sept. 1** — Roster cutdown to maximum of 75 players.  
**Sept. 5** — Roster cutdown to maximum of 53 players.  
**Sept. 10** — Season opener.

## Tennis

## Indianapolis Championships

## Sunday

**At The Indianapolis Tennis Center**  
**Indianapolis**  
**Purse: \$519,000 (WPT250)**  
**Surface: Hard-Outdoor**  
**Singles**  
**First Round**  
 Rajeev Ram, United States, def. Devin Britton, United States, 6-3, 7-5.

## Gastein Ladies

## Monday

**AT TC Wels 76**  
**Bad Gastein, Austria**  
**Purse: \$220,000 (Intl.)**  
**Surface: Clay-Outdoor**  
**Singles**  
**First Round**  
 Andrea Petkovic, Germany, def. Sandra Kloesel, Germany, 6-4, 6-3.  
 Ioana Raluca Olaru, Romania, def. Marta Domachowska, Poland, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.  
 Tatjana Malek, Germany, def. Carla Suarez Navarro (5), Spain, 2-6, 6-2, 6-4.

## ATP Tour rankings

## Through July 19

**x-qualified for the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals, Nov. 22-29**  
**Singles**  
 1. x-Roger Federer, Switzerland, 11220  
 2. x-Rafael Nadal, Spain, 10735  
 3. Andy Murray, Britain, 9700  
 4. Novak Djokovic, Serbia, 8150  
 5. Andy Roddick, United States, 5440  
 6. Juan Martin del Potro, Argentina, 5005  
 7. Gilles Simon, France, 3750  
 8. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, France, 3600  
 9. Fernando Verdasco, Spain, 3270  
 10. Fernando Gonzalez, Chile, 3185  
 11. Robin Soderling, Sweden, 3070  
 12. Nikolay Davydenko, Russia, 2935  
 13. Gael Monfils, France, 2610  
 14. Marin Cilic, Croatia, 2590  
 15. David Nalbandian, Argentina, 2375  
 16. Tommy Robredo, Spain, 2340  
 17. James Blake, United States, 2220  
 18. Stanislas Wawrinka, Switzerland, 1925  
 19. Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, 1920  
 20. Tommy Haas, Germany, 1895

## WTA Tour rankings

## Through July 19

**Singles**  
 1. Dinara Safina, Russia, 10521  
 2. Serena Williams, United States, 8509  
 3. Venus Williams, United States, 6617  
 4. Elena Dementieva, Russia, 6591  
 5. Svetlana Kuznetsova, Russia, 6071  
 6. Anna Jankovic, Serbia, 5980  
 7. Vera Zvonareva, Russia, 5400  
 8. Victoria Azarenka, Belarus, 5066  
 9. Caroline Wozniacki, Denmark, 4840  
 10. Nadia Petrova, Russia, 3300  
 11. Ana Ivanovic, Serbia, 3272  
 12. Dominika Cibulkova, Slovakia, 3151  
 13. Flavia Pennetta, Italy, 3100  
 14. Agnieszka Radwanska, Poland, 2981  
 15. Marion Bartoli, France, 2955  
 16. Amelie Mauresmo, France, 2639  
 17. Virginia Razzano, France, 2365  
 18. Li Na, China, 2342  
 19. Patty Schnyder, Switzerland, 2241  
 20. Andrea Medina Garrigues, Spain, 2140

## Boxing

## Fight schedule

## July 24

At the Don Haskins Convention Center, El Paso, Texas, Antonio Escalante, El Paso, Texas, vs. Cornelius Lock, Detroit, 10, featherweights.  
 At UC Pavilion, Alamo, Bruce Selden, Atlantic City, N.J., vs. Fres Quendo, Chicago, 12, for the interim NABA heavyweight title.

## July 31

At Johannesburg, South Africa, Mzonke Fana, South Africa, vs. Jasper Seroka, South Africa, 12, IBF junior lightweight eliminator.  
 At Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Hollywood, Fla., Julio Diaz, Coachella, Calif., vs. Victor Manuel Cayo, Dominican Republic, 10, lightweight; Chazz Witherspoon, Paulsboro, N.J., vs. Carl Davis Drummond, Costa Rica, 10, heavyweight.  
 At Temecula, Calif., Marvin Quintero, Mexico, vs. Tyrone Harris, Lansing, Mich., 10, junior lightweight.

## Aug. 1

At Agua Caliente Casino, Rancho Mirage, Calif., Timothy Bradley, Palm Springs, Calif., vs. Nate Campbell, Jacksonville, Fla., 12, for Bradley's WBO super lightweight title; Devon



# Cink finally claims elusive major

By ROBERT MILLWARD  
The Associated Press

TURNBERRY, Scotland — Stewart Cink finally broke a tiring Tom Watson at the British Open to find that elusive major title on his 50th attempt.

For Lee Westwood, it stayed just out of reach in his 47th and Sergio Garcia got nowhere near in major No. 41.

While Cink's one-sided playoff victory over five-time champion Watson stopped a fairytale ending at Turnberry, it meant he went home with the famous claret jug after a long wait for one of golf's top titles.

"How much I needed it I don't know," said Cink, whose first major was the 1996 US Open. "I'm not sure I really thought much about whether I was good enough to win a major or not. I knew I'd been close a few times but I never really heard my name tossed in there with the group of best ones not to have won."

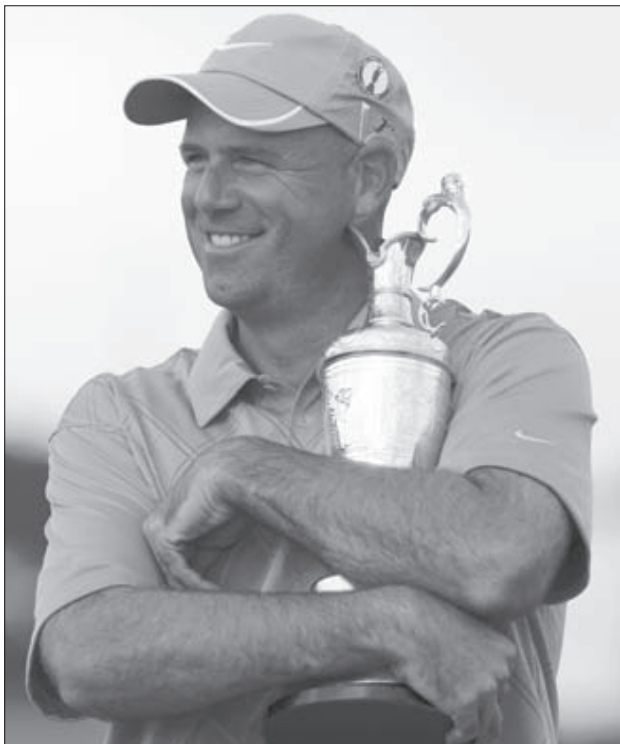
"So maybe I was starting to believe that — that I wasn't one of the best ones to never have won a major."

Even before Cink captured his Open title, the dubious honor of the best player not to have captured one of the four top prizes in golf belonged to Garcia.

The Spaniard came close 10 years ago when he finished one stroke behind Tiger Woods at the 1999 PGA Championship as a 19-year-old.

That performance suggested he might become Woods' biggest rival. While the American added 12 more to take his total to 14, however, Garcia is still waiting for his first.

At 1 under halfway through the tournament and four shots off the lead, he appeared well positioned to make another challenge here, two years after he lost a playoff to Pádraig Harrington at Carnoustie. But a third round 76 ended his chances.



JON SUPER/AP

Stewart Cink holds the claret jug after winning a four-hole playoff with Tom Watson at the British Open at Turnberry on Sunday.

"I had a couple of good rounds to start with then unfortunately I had a bad day yesterday," Garcia said of his 6-over 76. "Today was a weird day. It was the kind of day when, every time I got myself going, I screwed it up on the next hole. I couldn't ride the momentum. Every time I made a birdie I made a bogey on the next hole."

"I'm fairly positive. I would love to have played much better. But there are a lot of positive things I can take away from the first two days."

Westwood got a lot closer to the

Open title here and, like Garcia, was considered one of the leading contenders.

In contention throughout the tournament after a 68 and two 70s, the 36-year-old Englishman led going to the 15th hole. But he bogeyed three out of the last four holes and his eagle putt at 17 rolled up to the cup but stayed agonizingly out.

That left him at 2 under and his tee shot on No. 18 landed in a deep fairway bunker with the flag fluttering in the breeze a long way in the distance. But he produced one



PETER MORRISON/AP

Lee Westwood's risky birdie attempt on the 18th hole fell short and left him out of the British Open playoff on Sunday.

of the best shots of the championship from the sand and managed to find the green, 60 feet from the flag.

A shot behind Watson at that stage and knowing that Cink was already in the clubhouse at 2-under, he went for broke and his birdie attempt rolled 10 feet past. He missed that, too, and wound up with a 71, 1 under for the championship with no chance of even a playoff.

As it turned out, Watson bogeyed the last hole. If Westwood had played safe, rolled his birdie putt close to the pin and finished 2-under, he would have been in the playoff too.

"I've gone from frustration to sickness now," Westwood said after finishing tied for third behind Cink and Watson.

"I figured — I thought I'd have to hole it, to be perfectly honest. I didn't see Tom bogeying the last, since he's such an experienced player. But he obviously got a bogey there."

"You've just got to keep working," said Westwood, who also finished fourth at the 2004 British Open at Troon. "I'm putting in the hard work at the moment, and it's obviously paying off because I'm getting closer."

## Golf scoreboard

### British Open

Sunday  
At Turnberry Golf Club (Ailsa Course)  
Turnberry, Scotland  
Purse: \$6.8 million  
Yardage: 7,204; Par: 70  
Final  
(a-amateur; x-won four-hole playoff, 14-20)

x-S. Cink, \$1,221,005	66-72-71-69—278	-2
Tom Watson, \$732,603	65-70-71-72—278	-2
Chris Wood, \$415,142	70-70-72-67—279	-1
Lee Westwood, \$415,142	68-70-70-71—279	-1
Luke Donald, \$255,597	71-72-70-67—280	E
R. Goosen, \$255,597	67-70-71-72—280	E
M. Goggin, \$255,597	66-72-69-73—280	E
Soren Hansen, \$147,172	68-72-74-67—281	+1
J. Leonard, \$147,172	70-70-73-68—281	+1
Ernie Els, \$147,172	69-72-72-68—281	+1
Thomas Aiken, \$147,172	71-72-69-69—281	+1
R. S. Johnson, \$147,172	70-72-69-70—281	+1
Jeff Overton, \$82,866	70-60-76-67—282	+2
Andres Romero, \$82,866	68-74-73-67—282	+2
M. A. Jimenez, \$82,866	64-73-76-69—282	+2
a-Matteo Manassero	71-70-72-69—282	+2
C. Villegas, \$82,866	66-73-73-70—282	+2
Justin Rose, \$82,866	69-72-71-70—282	+2
F. Molinari, \$82,866	71-70-71-70—282	+2
H. Stenson, \$82,866	71-70-71-70—282	+2
Boo Weekley, \$82,866	67-72-72-71—282	+2
T. Jaidee, \$82,866	69-72-69-72—282	+2
Ross Fisher, \$82,866	69-68-70-75—282	+2
Peter Hanson, \$59,151	70-71-72-70—283	+3
Oliver Wilson, \$59,151	72-70-71-70—283	+3
Angel Cabrera, \$59,151	69-70-72-72—283	+3
D. Love III, \$47,794	69-73-73-69—284	+4
S. Kjeldsen, \$47,794	68-76-71-69—284	+4
Nick Watney, \$47,794	71-72-71-70—284	+4
M. Calavecchia, \$47,794	67-69-77-71—284	+4
K. Kuboya, \$47,794	65-72-75-72—284	+4
J. Kingston, \$47,794	67-71-74-72—284	+4
John Daly, \$47,794	68-72-72-72—284	+4
R. Sterne, \$38,258	67-73-75-70—285	+5
Martin Kaymer, \$38,258	69-70-74-72—285	+5
G. McDowell, \$38,258	68-73-71-73—285	+5
Jim Furyk, \$38,258	67-72-76-74—285	+5
Sergio Garcia, \$31,176	70-69-76-71—286	+6
Thomas Levett, \$31,176	71-73-71-71—286	+6
N. Dougherty, \$31,176	70-70-73-73—286	+6
Vijay Singh, \$31,176	67-70-75-74—286	+6
Steve Marino, \$31,176	67-68-76-75—286	+6
Anthony Wall, \$25,539	68-72-75-72—287	+7
Branden Grace, \$25,539	67-72-73-75—287	+7
Paul McGinley, \$25,539	71-71-70-75—287	+7
Bryce Molder, \$25,539	70-73-67-77—287	+7
Paul Lawrie, \$21,571	71-73-76-68—288	+8
Zach Johnson, \$21,571	70-71-77-70—288	+8
Paul Casey, \$21,571	68-76-74-70—288	+8
Rory McIlroy, \$21,571	69-74-74-71—288	+8
G. Hernandez-Castano	69-72-73-74—288	+8
Darren Clarke, \$18,295	71-71-78-69—289	+9
Kenny Perry, \$18,295	71-72-75-71—289	+9
Graeme Storm, \$18,295	72-72-74-71—289	+9
R. Allenby, \$18,295	70-74-73-72—289	+9
Johan Edfors, \$18,295	71-73-72-73—289	+9
Billy Mayfair, \$18,295	69-73-73-74—289	+9
David Howell, \$18,295	68-73-72-76—289	+9
S. Stricker, \$18,295	66-77-70-76—289	+9
D. Drysdale, \$17,013	69-73-75-73—290	+10
Tom Lehman, \$17,013	68-74-74-74—290	+10
P. Broadhurst, \$17,013	70-72-74-74—290	+10
K. Sutherland, \$17,013	69-73-73-75—290	+10
Ryuji Imada, \$16,606	74-69-79-69—291	+11
F. Andersson, \$16,606	71-70-78-73—292	+12
P. Harrington, \$16,199	69-74-76-73—292	+12
S. Appleby, \$16,199	71-72-76-73—292	+12
Sean O'Hair, \$16,199	68-75-75-74—292	+12
J.B. Holmes, \$15,792	68-70-75-80—293	+13
Mark O'Meara, \$15,547	67-77-77-74—295	+15
F. Jacobson, \$15,547	70-72-77-76—295	+15
Paul Goydos, \$15,303	72-72-77-82—303	+24
Daniel Gaunt, \$15,140	76-67-79-82—304	+24

## Old: Watson proves he can keep up with next generation

### OLD, FROM BACK PAGE

to do what I did and lose the golf tournament."

Everyone felt his pain, from older folks who looked at him as their role model to youngsters who know they'll be in his shoes one day.

"How about Tom Watson," the 37-year-old Armstrong wrote on Twitter from the Tour de France, where he's trying to pull off a similarly themed story. "Amazing."

Amazing, indeed.

"You find yourself cheering for a person like that," said Torres, who kept up with the Open via the Internet in between her own preparations. "It's sort of what happened to me. People wanted to see me win because they want to relate to that. I'm sure everyone out there's who a little bit older and likes to play golf can relate to Tom Watson. Even those who don't play, this is someone who showed that it doesn't matter how old you are if you follow your dreams."

"That's what people want to see. They want to see it happen so they'll feel like it could happen to them."

As with Watson, some of the most cap-

tivating achievements by supposedly over-the-hill athletes were also near-misses.

At age 39, still-fiery and wildly popular Jimmy Connors made a stirring run to the semifinals at the 1991 U.S. Open — eight years after winning the last of his eight Grand Slam titles. Torres settled for three silver medals at last year's Beijing Olympics, losing out on gold in her lone individual event by a mere hundredth of a second. A 50-year-old French cyclist just missed a medal at the same Games.

Asked how much she thinks about her oh-so-close loss, Torres replied, "Every day."

Other aging athletes didn't have to settle for second. In 1986, Jack Nicklaus captured the last of his record 18 major golf titles at 46, rallying on the back nine at Augusta National to win the Masters. That same year, 54-year-old Bill Shoemaker won his fourth Kentucky Derby, riding longshot Ferdinand to a last-to-first dash to become the oldest jockey to take the Run for the Roses.

Nolan Ryan threw the sixth no-hitter of his career at 43 — then threw another the following year. Foreman came out of re-

tirement to become the oldest heavyweight champion when he knocked out Michael Moorer at age 45. Martina Navratilova was a month shy of her 50th birthday when she won the mixed doubles championship at the 2006 U.S. Open.

The key, Torres said, is learning to use your head just as much as your body. Watson, for instance, doesn't work out all that much but he always makes sure to stretch vigorously before a round.

"If I have a choice between hitting a bucket of balls and stretching," he said, "I'll stretch."

Added Torres, "When you're younger, you feel invincible. Your feel like you can do anything. It doesn't matter, you'll be able to bounce back or work through it. When you get a little bit older, you have to listen to your body, give yourself more rest. You have to realize that you don't have to be practicing as much as the other players. Just do what's best for you and your body."

Just last weekend, 50-year-old Mark Martin won his fourth NASCAR Sprint Cup race of the year, more than any other driver.

"That adrenaline is something, there's

nothing like it," Martin said. "When I'm pumped up driving fast race cars, I certainly don't feel 50."

There's no age limit in racing. Also Sunday, 81-year-old Hershel McGriff became the oldest driver to take part in a national NASCAR series race by qualifying for an event in Portland, Ore.

"I haven't had anyone tell me that I'm crazy," he cracked.

Maybe the Royal & Ancient, should reconsider its entry requirements, which allow past champions to play only until they're 60. That rule seems a little out of place now doesn't it, especially on the links courses used for the Open, which tend to favor experience over being able to hit the ball a mile.

"When all is said and done," said Watson, his eyes tearing up and unlikely to dry anytime soon, "one of the things I hope will come out of my life is that my peers will say, 'You know, that Watson, he was a hell of a golfer.'"

Still is.

Age, after all, is just a number.

AP Sports Writer Rachel Cohen in New York contributed to this report.



(17). SB—Tulowitzki (12). C.Gonzalez (7). CS—Hawpe (3). S—Marquis. SF—Kouzmanoff.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Marquis W,12-6	8	5	1	1	0	3
Daley	1	1	0	0	0	1

**San Diego**

Latos L,0-1	4	3	2	2	1	4
Ekstrom	1½	3	3	2	1	1
Perdomo	1½	2	1	0	0	1
Mujica	2	0	0	0	1	1

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DONNA McWILLIAM/AP

**Texas' Ian Kinsler is greeted by third base coach Rick Anderson after hitting a two-run homer in the 12th inning to beat Minnesota 5-3 on Sunday night. Kinsler also opened the game with a homer.**

## AL roundup

# Homers on the range

## Kinsler's home runs start and end a Texas victory

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Ian Kinsler got the Texas Rangers started with a home run, then ended the game with another long ball in the 12th inning.

The homers by Kinsler, book-ending three strikeouts and a groundout, gave the Rangers a 5-3 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Sunday night to snap a four-game losing streak.

"I knew it had a chance. I was just hoping for a little gust of wind to get it over the fence," Kinsler said. "We needed to get that win."

Jarrod Saltalamacchia, who set up earlier runs with the first two sacrifice bunts of his career, led off the 12th with a single off Brian Duensing (0-1) and was bunted to second by Elvis Andrus. R.A. Dickey then took over for the Twins, and instead of floating another knuckleball left a 1-2 fastball over the plate.

"It's not good. No possible way that should happen, and it did," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said.

"Of course I regret it. It was on me," Dickey said. "It was poor. The pitch rested in my hand and

I threw the wrong pitch. I cost us this one."

Dustin Nippert (1-0) got out of a two-on, one-out jam in the 11th and had a 1-2-3 12th after four other relievers had combined for six scoreless innings. C.J. Wilson struck out four in two perfect innings before giving way to Nippert.

"Those guys continued to grind all night," manager Ron Washington said. "We executed fundamentals, scratched some runs, tied the game and then took it. ... They know how bad we needed it and they fought for us. This could be the game to get us back on track."

The Rangers, who led the AL West by as many as 5½ games at the end of May, remained three games back of the division-leading Los Angeles Angels and a game ahead of third-place Seattle.

Kinsler put the Rangers up 1-0 when he hit his sixth leadoff homer of the season, and 11th of his career to extend his own team record. He's the first Texas player to open and close a game with a homer.

Marlon Byrd had leadoff singles and scored in the fifth and

seventh innings to tie the game at 3-3, moved to third both times on Saltalamacchia's bunts.

A passed ball by All-Star catcher Joe Mauer, who appeared to be crossed up by starter Francisco Liriano, allowed Byrd to score in the fifth. Byrd came home with the tying run two innings later on Andrus' sacrifice fly.

Mauer was 0 for 6 to drop his batting average from .367 to .358 and lose the major league lead. Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki went 3 for 4 Sunday and is now hitting .363.

**Rays 4, Royals 3:** Gabe Gross drew a bases-loaded walk to force in the tiebreaking run with two outs in the eighth inning, completing visiting Tampa Bay's third straight game-winning rally against the Royals' struggling bullpen.

**Angels 1, Athletics 0 (10):** Bobby Abreu broke up Brett Anderson's perfect game with a seventh-inning single, then produced the game's only run with a homer in the top of the 10th.

John Lackey (5-4) allowed three hits in nine innings and Brian Fuentes got his 28th save.

## NL roundup

# Ouch, that hurts! Mets lose game and another player

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Braves are looking more like contenders. The New York Mets are looking for help.

Yunel Escobar had two of his four RBIs during a five-run fifth inning and the Braves beat New York 7-1 on Sunday night as the Mets lost yet another player to an injury. Starting pitcher Fernando Nieve left the game in the second inning with a strained right quadriceps.

The Braves, who won three of four in the series, moved past Florida into second place in the East, 6½ games behind the surging Philadelphia Phillies.

"He's been coming through," Braves manager Bobby Cox said of Escobar, who is 8 for 11 with eight RBIs in three games hitting sixth.

Escobar hit his ninth homer in the second inning and had a run-scoring single in the fourth to give Atlanta a 2-1 lead. The shortstop delivered a bases-loaded, two-run double in the fifth as the Braves stretched the lead to 7-1.

Escobar, who leads the Braves with 52 RBIs, has enjoyed more opportunities to drive in runs since moving down from his previous No. 2 spot to sixth in Cox's lineup. Second baseman Martin Prado now hits second.

"He's come through the entire series with his glove and his bat,"



ATLANTA JOURNAL CONSTITUTION, CURTIS COMPTON/AP

**New York Mets pitcher Fernando Nieve grimaces in pain after straining his right quadriceps while trying to beat out an infield hit in the second inning Sunday at Atlanta. Nieves had to leave the game.**

Cox said. "He's tough with men on base. After we dropped him down to the fifth and sixth slot, he's driving in a lot of runs."

The fourth-place Mets fell nine games back of NL East-leading Philadelphia, their largest deficit in four years.

Braves right-hander Javier Vazquez (7-7) gave up six hits and one run in seven innings. He

walked one and struck out five, shutting down New York's paltry offense.

"A great win," Vazquez said. "So far we're heading in the right direction on this homestand."

The Mets are headed in the wrong direction.

Since June 22, the injury-ravaged Mets have lost 15 of 24 and have scored just 74 runs, fewest

in the majors. They've scored one or none in 10 of those games.

Vazquez caught Nieve's high bouncer with his right hand and threw out the New York pitcher Nieve on a close play in the second inning. Nieve then fell to the ground, grabbing his leg in obvious pain. He was carted off the field.

"It's tough to take at this point, especially in that area, pitching," Mets manager Jerry Manuel said. "We need to stay competitive there."

Manuel had a name ready if the Mets are looking for help in a trade.

"If some young pitcher is ready, that would be fine — unless (Roy) Halladay or some guy like that wants to come over," Manuel said, drawing laughs.

Toronto general manager J.P. Ricciardi said this month he would listen to offers for Halladay, the 2003 AL Cy Young Award winner who is 11-3 after a complete-game victory over Boston on Sunday.

Nieve, who has been filling in for injured John Maine, will fly with the team to Washington, where the Mets open a series against the Nationals, and then continue on to New York for an MRI.

"It felt pretty bad," Nieve said, adding that he was hurt before

reaching first base. He was still limping after the game.

"I'll see the doctor tomorrow," he said. "It's still sore. ... I was trying to play 100 percent. It just happened."

Nieve joins New York's long injury list. Gary Sheffield missed a second straight game because of cramping in his right hamstring that began Friday night.

The Mets are also without outfielders Carlos Beltran and Fernando Martinez, first baseman Carlos Delgado, shortstop Jose Reyes, and relievers J.J. Putz and Billy Wagner due to injuries.

**Rockies 6, Padres 1:** Jason Marquis threw eight innings and also drove in two runs to help himself to his 12th victory, tops in the majors. San Diego had no answers for Marquis (12-6), who used a sinker and cutter to produce 16 groundball outs.

Ian Stewart and Brad Hawpe hit solo homers for Colorado, which won for the 30th time in 40 games since June 4.

**Dodgers 4, Astros 3:** Matt Kemp, who scored host Los Angeles' first three runs, hit a solo homer with two outs in the eighth off LaTroy Hawkins (1-4) to give the Dodgers their only lead and a split of a four-game series. Kemp finished with three hits, raising his average to a team-high .321.



# Still brothers but no longer mates

## Blake and Taylor Griffin get first taste of being opponents

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Phoenix Suns forward Taylor Griffin walked to the free-throw line Sunday night during an NBA Summer League game against the Los Angeles Clippers and was greeted with some spirited trash talk from a group of nearby Clippers fans.

His younger brother, Clippers top pick Blake Griffin, stood a few feet away on the rebounding block and cracked a smile.

The brothers, teammates the past two years at Oklahoma and for most of their childhood growing up in Edmond, Okla., got their first taste of competing against one another professionally in Phoenix's 87-70 victory.

"For me, it was just another game," Blake Griffin said. "Of course I wanted him to do well, but this is a business and I'm more concerned with winning."

Just two minutes into their initial game as opponents and with the assistance of a group of about 20 vocal Clippers fans, it was obvious the Griffins are no longer teammates.

Taylor Griffin made both foul

shots, then Blake Griffin, like he did at Oklahoma and during the weeklong summer league, did the job on the court.

"I didn't pay much attention to that," Blake Griffin said of friendly trash talk toward his brother. "And it didn't bother him. He made both the foul shots."

Blake Griffin, who before the game was announced as the event's Most Outstanding Player, got the best of his brother with 16 points and eight rebounds.

Taylor Griffin, a second-round selection of the Suns, had four points and six rebounds.

They rarely guarded one another with Phoenix converting Taylor Griffin into a small forward and Blake Griffin playing inside at power forward. Blake Griffin averaged 20 points and 10 points in five summer games.

The brothers exchanged hugs on the court after the game. Blake Griffin is hoping to enjoy a long NBA career while Taylor Griffin is fighting for a spot on the Suns' roster.

"It was fun getting to play against him," Blake Griffin said.



LAURA RAUCH/AP

Los Angeles Clippers rookie Blake Griffin, left, and his brother, the Phoenix Suns' Taylor Griffin, line up on the free-throw line during their NBA Summer League basketball game at Thomas & Mack Arena in Las Vegas on Sunday. They had been teammates at Oklahoma and before that in high school.



WINSLOW TOWNSON/AP

The Revolution's Kheli Dube, right, watches his shot go past Chivas USA goalkeeper Zach Thornton for a goal during the second half.

## Dube, Revolution end slumps

The Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — Kheli Dube scored his first goal in four months and the New England Revolution beat Chivas USA 2-0 on Sunday to end a three-match winless streak.

Dube, who hadn't scored since New England's season opener on March 21, ended a 302-minute scoreless streak for the Revolution (5-5-5) by taking a through ball from midfielder Shalrie Joseph and sprinting past a pair of Chivas defenders on the right wing before beating goalkeeper

Zach Thornton with a 22-yard drive to the far left corner.

Chivas (8-6-3) has scored just one goal during its four-game losing streak and is 1-5-2 in its last eight matches.

Revolution goalkeeper Matt Reis notched his fourth shutout of the season, facing seven first-half corner kicks by Chivas' Mariano Trujillo and making two superb stops — punching out a right-footed drive by Sasha Victorine in the 12th minute and taking away a Carey Talley header in the 25th minute.

## Beckham confronts fan during first home game with Galaxy

BY BETH HARRIS  
The Associated Press

CARSON, Calif. — David Beckham confronted a fan sitting in a section where negative banners about the Los Angeles Galaxy player were displayed during Beckham's first home game of the season Sunday night.

As Beckham left the field at halftime, he went over to the section where one of the team's support groups holds court and appeared to shout something. The fan jumped down from the seating section and was subdued by security before being escorted off the field.

Fans in the L.A. Riot Squad section were holding up Beckham's jersey and beating it. One of their homemade signs read, "Go home fraud" while another said, "23: Repent."

It was all part of a rough reception for Beckham, who missed the first half of the Major League Soccer season while he was on a five-month loan to AC Milan, the team that played the Galaxy on Sunday.

The English star was booed



JAE C. HONG/AP

The Los Angeles Galaxy's David Beckham, center, leaves the stadium Sunday after a friendly soccer game with AC Milan at Home Depot Center in Carson, Calif. Beckham received an ugly reception in his first home game back with the Galaxy, getting booed often.

more than cheered during introductions, and he was booed for a while the first several times he touched the ball.

Boos were mixed with cheers when Beckham assisted on the Galaxy's game-tying goal in the 30th minute.

He will only play six more home games this season.

Earlier this year, Beckham said he wanted to remain with the Italian club rather than return to the Galaxy because he believed the level of play was much better in Europe.



## Sports briefs

# Vick's federal dogfighting sentence ends

The Associated Press

HAMPTON, Va. — Suspended NFL quarterback Michael Vick ended his federal dogfighting sentence Monday, freeing him to lobby for a return to the field.

Vick's attorney, Lawrence Woodward, told The Associated Press outside Vick's suburban Virginia home that the former Atlanta Falcons quarterback had been released from federal custody as scheduled. That means Vick no longer has to wear the electronic monitor he's had while under home confinement for the final two months of his 23-month sentence.

Shortly before Woodward came out of the house, two men in a government car with a U.S. Probation Services folder on the dashboard paid a brief visit to the home. They carried a large case similar to the one that Vick's ankle monitor was delivered in when he started home confinement. The men declined to identify themselves or speak to waiting reporters.

Vick then drove to the federal courthouse in nearby Norfolk to meet federal probation officials to take care of paperwork. Vick declined to answer reporters' questions as he left the courthouse with Woodward about an hour and 45 minutes later.

Freedom will allow Vick to step up his efforts to resume his pro football career. Vick hopes to meet soon with NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, who has said he would review Vick's status after Vick completed his sentence.

In other NFL news:

■ Minnesota Vikings coach Brad Childress said he has watched video of quarterback Brett Favre throwing a football and his motion "looked fine" to him.

Childress spoke to reporters on Sunday during a charity event for former Vikings center Matt Birk. He told the Star Tribune of Minneapolis that he has not spoken to Favre in a couple of weeks.

The coach has watched video of Favre working out in Mississippi and said, "I liked his throwing motion, the little bit that I saw on tape."

Favre told The Associated Press last week that he is still testing his surgically repaired throwing arm, but expects to give the Vikings an answer on playing for them by July 30. That's the day the Vikings report for training camp in Mankato, Minn.

■ Authorities said former NFL star Steve McNair had a blood-alcohol level twice the legal limit when his girlfriend shot him to death.

Tennessee Assistant Medical Examiner Feng Li said Monday that a toxicology report also showed a trace amount of marijuana in the body of Sahel Kazemi. Police said Kazemi, 20, shot McNair July 4 in a Nashville condo before killing herself.

Police said McNair was likely asleep when he was shot twice in the head and twice in the chest.

## Bruins sign Hunwick to extension

BOSTON — The Boston Bruins signed defenseman Matt Hunwick to a multiyear contract extension on Monday.

Hunwick scored six goals with 21 assists as a rookie last season. The 27 points placed him third among Bruins defensemen.

He played in one playoff game before having his spleen removed and missing the rest of the playoffs.

## USA Basketball adds 2 to minicamp

LAS VEGAS — Los Angeles Clippers guard Eric Gordon and Golden State forward Anthony Randolph are heading to USA Basketball's minicamp, while four players are pulling out.

Portland's Brandon Roy and LaMarcus



STEVE HELBER/AP

**Former Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick, left, arrives at federal court Monday with his attorney, Larry Woodward, in Norfolk, Va. Vick ended his federal dogfighting sentence Monday.**

Aldridge, plus Houston's Trevor Ariza and Boston's Glen Davis will not be in Las Vegas. New York forward David Lee and Indiana's Danny Granger will attend minicamp but won't participate.

The roster stands at 23 after Monday's announcements. The minicamp is being used to identify possible candidates for available spots on the U.S. teams in the 2010 world championships and 2012 Olympics.

The Americans will hold training sessions Thursday and Friday, then play an intrasquad exhibition game Saturday night.

The other participants are: Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant, Jeff Green and Russell Westbrook; Memphis' O.J. Mayo and Rudy Gay; Chicago's Derrick Rose; the Los Angeles Clippers' Blake Griffin; New Jersey's Devin Harris and Brook Lopez; Portland's Greg Oden and Jerrod Bayless; Utah's Paul Millsap, Ronnie Brewer and Kyle Korver; Philadelphia's Andre Iguodala and Thaddeus Young; Charlotte's D.J. Augustin; Minnesota's Kevin Love and Atlanta's Josh Smith.

In other basketball news:

■ First-round draft pick Hasheem Thabeet signed with the Memphis Grizzlies on Monday.

The 7-foot-3 center from Connecticut was the second pick in the draft. Thabeet is due to make about \$7.7 million over two years under the rookie salary scale.

■ Former NBA all-star Antoine Walker appeared briefly in a Las Vegas court Monday to face criminal charges in a case involving an \$822,500 casino gambling debt.

The 6-foot-9 Walker said nothing inside or outside the courtroom as he appeared with his lawyer, Jonathan Powell, to face three felony counts of writing bad checks. Powell also declined comment.

Each charge carries a possible prison term of 1-4 years.

Walker remained free on \$135,000 cash bail posted Thursday following his arrest at a Lake Tahoe hotel.

■ The Chicago Bulls waived backup guard Anthony Roberson on Monday.

Acquired from the New York Knicks in February, Roberson appeared in just six games with the Bulls and averaged 2.0 points. He has averaged 4.1 points in three seasons, including stops with Memphis and Golden State.

■ Steve Nash and the Phoenix Suns agreed Monday on a two-year, \$22 million contract extension, a person close to the negotiations said.

The person confirmed the agreement on condition of anonymity because an official announcement hadn't been made.

The deal will keep the two-time MVP point guard under contract with the Suns through the 2011-2012 season.

Nash, 35, entering his 13th NBA season, had one year left on a contract that would pay him \$13 million next season. The new agreement was first reported by ESPN.

■ The Indiana Pacers said Monday they won't match the offer sheet Toronto issued to guard Jarrett Jack, a restricted free agent. Pacers President Larry Bird said it was a difficult decision.

Jack was acquired by the Pacers in a five-player trade a year ago. In his one season with the Pacers, Jack played in all 82 games, averaging a career-high 13.1 points.

■ Minnesota Timberwolves forward Mark Madsen said he had been traded along with Sebastian Telfair and Craig Smith to the Los Angeles Clippers for Quentin Richardson.

Madsen says he spoke to his agent on Monday to confirm the deal, which was first reported by YahooSports.com.

■ A lawsuit accuses Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban of wrongfully diverting millions of dollars from the NBA franchise's home arena to make up for shortfalls incurred by the team.

Hillwood Center Partners filed the lawsuit last week in state district court in Dallas. The company is controlled by the team's former owner, Ross Perot Jr. The Associated Press obtained a copy of the lawsuit Monday.

The lawsuit claims Cuban covered significant cash shortfalls for the Mavericks by obtaining more than \$29 million in unauthorized loans through a limited partnership.

■ The NBA is defending its minimum age requirement to Congress, but a critical lawmaker is unmoved and wants to meet with top league officials to discuss it.

NBA President Joel Litvin told Rep. Steve Cohen in a recent letter that the age requirement increases the chances that players can perform at a high level. The policy requires that players be at least 19 years old and a year out of high school before entering the league.

Cohen, a Tennessee Democrat who had urged the league to drop the requirement, told Litvin in a letter Monday that he was concerned that players were being harmed by the rule. He asked to meet with Litvin and Commissioner David Stern. The letters were obtained by The Associated Press.

## Van Pelt wins U.S. Bank Championship

MILWAUKEE — Bo Van Pelt won for the first time on the PGA Tour with a birdie on the second hole of a playoff over John Mallinger on Sunday in the U.S. Bank Championship.

Van Pelt had two putts to win, leaving a 26-footer a little short before sinking a 2-foot birdie putt for his first victory in his 229th tour event.

Van Pelt gets a \$720,000 check and the satisfaction that he's finally won on tour after 10 years of finishing no better than second in the 2008 Puerto Rico Open.

## Mississippi State's Dixon arrested

JACKSON, Miss. — Running back Anthony Dixon, Mississippi State's top returning offensive player, was arrested over the weekend and his status for the season is unclear.

An arrest report from the Starkville Police Department said Dixon was charged with driving under the influence after officers found him intoxicated late Saturday

night with two empty champagne bottles on the floorboard of his car.

The 6-foot-1, 236-pound senior from Terry rushed for 869 yards and seven touchdowns last season as the lone bright spot on a disappointing offense to bring his career totals to 2,603 rushing yards and a Mississippi State-record 30 rushing touchdowns.

Dixon, 21, also was cited for careless driving and failure to carry proof of insurance.

In other college football news:

■ Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz signed a seven-year contract that will keep him with the Hawkeyes through 2015.

Ferentz and the university agreed to the deal in April. It was signed last week.

Ferentz is in his 11th season at Iowa. He is 70-53 with the Hawkeyes, including a 9-4 mark in 2008.

## Gatti's wife to remain in jail

RIO DE JANEIRO — A Brazilian judge said Arturo Gatti's wife would remain in jail despite an autopsy report raising doubts about suspicions that she strangled the former boxing champion.

The lawyer for Amanda Rodrigues, 23, Gatti's wife, petitioned for her release. Judge Fausto Campos in Recife denied her release request, but said Monday her petition must be examined by a three-judge panel, probably next week.

Rodrigues was jailed shortly after Gatti's July 11 death in a seaside resort. She was accused of strangling him with her purse straps while he slept.

But an autopsy report raised doubts about that theory. Police said they cannot comment on the case until the investigation is complete and are refusing to say whether she is still a suspect.

## Padres get Salazar from Orioles

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Padres acquired infielder Oscar Salazar from the Baltimore Orioles for right-handed pitcher Cla Meredith on Sunday.

The trade became more urgent for San Diego after utilityman Edgar Gonzalez was hit in the head with a pitch on Saturday night and remained hospitalized Sunday.

San Diego was expected to place Gonzalez on the DL. The brother of All-Star first baseman Adrian Gonzalez, Edgar was still complaining of dizziness, ringing in his ears and a partial loss of hearing a day after the frightening beaming.

In other baseball news:

■ Second baseman Mark Grudzielanek signed a minor league deal with the Minnesota Twins on Sunday, providing a possible veteran presence later in the season.

Grudzielanek played 14 major league seasons for five teams. He ended last season on the disabled list for Kansas City after hurting his ankle Aug. 1.

■ The Milwaukee Brewers acquired second baseman Felipe Lopez from the Arizona Diamondbacks for two minor leaguers on Sunday, giving Milwaukee a much needed threat at the top of the order.

Milwaukee has been without starting second baseman Rickie Weeks since May, when he underwent surgery on his wrist, ending his season.

■ The Washington Nationals designated right-hander Julian Tavarez for assignment on Sunday and placed pitcher Scott Olsen on the 15-day disabled list with a back injury.

■ The Cincinnati Reds placed catcher Ramon Hernandez on the 15-day disabled list Monday to treat a knee injury.

Hernandez was scheduled for surgery Tuesday to clean out his left knee. He's expected to be sidelined for up to six weeks.



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beat Twins in  
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# Golden oldies

Watson's British Open performance  
shows again age is just a number

Tom Watson stands on the ninth tee during the final round of the British Open at Turnberry, Scotland, on Sunday. At 59, Watson nearly became the oldest man to win a major, but lost in a four-hole playoff to Stewart Cink.

JON SUPER/AP

By PAUL NEWBERRY  
The Associated Press

TURNBERRY, Scotland — Maybe when the disappointment wears off — for both Tom Watson and the millions of fans cheering him on — everyone will take a larger message from his amazing performance along the Scottish coast.

Age, indeed, is just a number.

Let's not put these ol' geezers out to pasture just yet.

From George Foreman to Dara Torres, from Lance Armstrong to Mark Martin — and now, Watson — these geriatric athletes pop out of their rockin' chairs from time to time, reminding us that youth may win out most times, but it's not always served.

"As athletes, we're not putting an age limit on our dreams," Torres, 42, said from a hotel in Italy, where she is preparing to compete in the world swimming championships. "I don't think it matters what age you are."

Watson proved that during four magical days at Turnberry, even if the ending was painful to watch. Less than a year removed from hip replacement surgery and three years away from qualifying for Social Security, he nearly won the British Open at 59.

Fifty-nine!

"He's striking the ball so well, just so straight," said Mathew Goggin, 24 years younger and Watson's playing partner on Sunday. "He can contend on these (links) golf courses forever the way he strikes the ball."



Watson shot a 5-under 65 in the opening round. He led after the next two days, the oldest golfer ever to set the pace in a major championship. And at the 72nd hole Sunday evening, with the sun dipping toward the Firth of Clyde, he stood over an 8-foot putt with a chance to become the oldest major champion.

Ever.

Everyone held their breath.

"It reminds me of what it used to be like when you played the big Tour, played the kids' Tour, and were in contention all the time," said Watson, now a regular on the



FELICE CALABRO', LEFT, AND LAURENT REBOURS/AP

At 42, swimmer Dara Torres (left) is preparing to compete in the world championships a year after winning three silver medals in the Beijing Olympics. Veteran cyclist Lance Armstrong, above, is 37 and in contention to win a record eighth Tour de France title.

senior circuit but eligible for the British Open since he's a five-time winner. "Almost. The dream almost came true."

The potential winning putt didn't have a chance, curling to a stop nearly a foot shy of the cup. Watson tapped that in for a tie with Stewart Cink — and suddenly looked his age, sort of like an over-the-hill Muhammad Ali getting battered when his prime had passed.

Arriving at the No. 5 tee box for the start of the playoff, Watson was overheard mentioning to an official that it was getting cold. Then he played as if his tired ol'

*"The old fogey almost did it. ... It was fun to be in the mix again and having the kids who are my kids' age just look at you and say 'What are you doing out here?'"*

Tom Watson  
pro golfer

bones had given it all they had. A bogey at the first extra hole. A double bogey at the third. One last bogey to finish up, then watch Cink take hold of the claret jug that should have been his.

"The old fogey almost did it," Watson said, flashing that pierced-lip smile of his. "It was fun out there. It was fun to be in the mix of it again and having the kids who are my kids' age just look at you and say, 'What are you doing out here?' and saying, 'All right, nice going. You can still play.'"

But showing he still had it didn't ease Watson's anguish. During the awards ceremony, after Cink had collected the claret jug and moved over to stand beside the runner-up, Watson looked wistfully at the winner's prize, as if he knew he'll likely never get this close to it again.

"I'll take some good things from it," Watson said, "but it's still a disappointment

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